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JAISHANKAR MEETS MALDIVES PREZ, SAYS RELATIONS TAKE TOP PRIORITY

External Affairs Minister met Mohammed Muizzu on Saturday, affirmed New Delhi's commitment for development of the region

WATER PROJECTS HANDED TO ISLAND NATION

The foreign minister handed over water and sanitation projects in 28 islands of Maldives, which are commissioned under the Indian line of credit. "I thank the Government of India ... for always supporting the Maldives. Our enduring partnership continues to strengthen, bringing our nations closer through cooperation in security, development," Muizzu tweeted

INDIA TO HELP INTRODUCE UPI INTERFACE

- The water project has brought safe drinking water to 32 islands and has directly impacted the lives of 28,000 Maldivians, Jaishankar said. The sanitation project has introduced sewerage system in 17 islands, he added. All buildings come with solar rooftops | **P7**
- India signed an MoU with Maldives to bring the UPI interface to the island

1,000

MALDIVIAN CIVIL SERVANTS TO RECEIVE TRAINING FROM INDIA

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Eco-sensitive area tag: States propose to omit private lands

50 of 135 TN villages suggested by Kasturirangan allegedly left out

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

THE final draft notification issued by the Union environment ministry on July 31 on declaration of ecologically sensitive areas (ESA) in the Western Ghats shows that some of the states, including Tamil Nadu, have proposed to include more reserve forest areas in the ESA than 'highly vulnerable' non-forest private land holdings as suggested by the Kasturirangan report. The plan by the state governments to leave private lands — where extensive human settlements have come up over the years — off the hook may lead to change in land-use pattern in the already fragmented hilly regions in the future and may trigger more Wayanad-like disasters, some experts said.

Incidentally, the July 31 notification came just a day after the deadly Kerala landslides that left more than 400 people dead. Six states —Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Gujarat and Maharashtra — covered under the notification have been dilly-dallying over the declaration of ecologically sensitive areas in the Western Ghats for the past 13 years.

A High-Level Working Group (HLWG) led by K Kasturirangan, which submitted its report to the Union environment ministry in April 2013, has recommended notification of 6,914 sq km area of Tamil Nadu in Western Ghats, including 135 villages of the state, as ecologically sensitive areas. But, according to sources, the state may have left out 50 villages with substantial human settlements from being designated as ESA and instead included reserve forests in the ESA category to comply with the land mandate.

The suspected error, intentional or unintentional, was made in 2013 as seen in the first draft notification dated November 13, 2013, issued by the ministry and continues to reflect in all the six draft notifications issued till date. **P5**

FULL SUPPORT TO REHAB: MODI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with a child affected by the landslide, at a hospital in Wayanad | PTI

POOJA NAIR @ Kalpetta

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi visited the landslide-ravaged areas of Wayanad on Saturday and promised all support in the relief and rehabilitation efforts. Stating that the Centre will stand with the state government in the rebuilding, the prime minister said funds will not be a constraint for the rehabilitation of survivors of the devastating landslides that swallowed Chooralmala and Mundakkai villages.

Modi, who undertook an aerial survey of the disaster-stricken areas, later visited the landslide spots at Chooralmala and Mundakkai. He walked through some of the affected areas for a closer look at the devastation. He also met survivors at a hospital and a relief camp, lending an ear to their concerns.

As per official records, the July 30 landslides have claimed 226 lives so far, with more than 130 missing.

"The country and the government are with the survivors. We wish to let the affected people know that they are not alone," he said after the review meeting at the collectorate conference hall in Kalpetta.

Modi said he has sought a detailed memorandum from the state government on the extent of damage and loss. "The Central government will act favourably once we get the memorandum," he said.

The PM assured that both the state and the Centre will join hands for the rehabilitation package. Central ministers and officials have already had a round of talks with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and the state officials.

Later in the day, Pinarayi said the state government has requested the PM for financial help for rehabilitation. A note has been handed over to the PM, he added.

The prime minister said he was in contact with the state government ever since the tragedy occurred and that all the arms of the Central government were mobilised in the rescue and relief operations.

I would like to assure the survivors and victims that they are not alone in this time of distress. The nation, the Centre, the state, everyone, is with them... Funds will not be a constraint for rehabilitation

— Narendra Modi

A detailed assessment of the damage is underway and the initial assessment is that the loss incurred was to the tune of thousands of crores. The state would submit to the Centre a memorandum

— Pinarayi Vijayan

2 soldiers killed in encounter in poll-bound J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TWO soldiers were killed while three other jawans and two civilians were injured in an encounter with militants in the forest area of Kokernag in poll-bound Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district on Saturday. The militants are said to be involved in the recent attacks on the Army in Doda,

A police official said acting on specific inputs about the presence of militants, a joint contingent of the Army, police and CRPF laid siege around the Ahlan Gagarmandu forest area in Kokernag on Saturday afternoon.

Kashmir Tigers, which is said to be an offshoot of Jaish-e-Mohammad, claimed its fighters are involved in the ongoing encounter. It is believed that two to three militants are trapped in the Army siege.

The gunfight is taking place in a high altitude area with thick under growth, large boulders and nallahs. The terrain poses a serious challenge to the jawans, a defence spokesman said.

SOMANATHAN APPOINTED NEW CABINET SECY

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved his candidature for two years from August 30 | **P7**

Bangladesh CJ forced to resign

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

ON a day when Chief Justice of Bangladesh Obaidul Hassan's forced resignation dominated the news cycle, rampant lawlessness, protests seeking the return of exiled former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Hindu minorities demanding their right to safety and coexistence, and Chinese snooping were other issues that required interim leader Muhammad Yunus' immediate attention.

ATMs have also run dry and businesses are yet to take off in the riot-torn nation.

"The way things are at present in Bangladesh where three major powers are at play, there is nothing but chaos. China has deployed three ships in the Indian Ocean near the Bay of Bengal. We are rudderless literally," Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, a political commentator in Bangladesh, told this newspaper.

Obaidul Hassan

Our chief justice resigned a few minutes back. His resignation letter has already reached the law ministry

— Prof Asif Nazrul, law adviser of the interim govt

On Saturday, Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan along with five appellate judges were forced to quit by students as there was apprehension that they could call a meeting to declare the interim government unconstitutional. High Court Judge Syed Refaat Ahmed is likely to replace Hassan.

Similarly, the vice-chancellor of Dhaka University was asked to step down.

Meanwhile, Hindus from all 64 districts got together at Shahbag seeking protection for themselves and their places of worship. At the border village of Sitalkuchi, thousands of Hindus urged the BSF to let them cross over to India. **P9**

EXPRESS READ

B'luru-M'luru railway connect impacted again

Mangaluru: Two days after train operations resumed between the coast and Bengaluru, operations again halted on Saturday after a landslip between Sakleshpur and Ballupet stations | **P5**

Two die as factory ceiling falls in Peenya

Bengaluru: Two labourers, Veeresh and Imam Sheik, died when the ceiling of a factory building collapsed on them at the industrial area in Peenya on Saturday. | **P3**

Union ministers HD Kumaraswamy and Pralhad Joshi, former CMs BS Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, LoP R Ashoka, BJP state president BY Vijayendra, and party Karnataka in-charge Radha Mohan Das Agarwal in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

'Padayatra politics' cripples state government machinery

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE state government machinery seems to have taken a severe beating with the ruling Congress and Opposition BJP-JDS alliance continuing their "padayatra politics" over the alleged scams in the ST corporation and MUDA.

Many top officials are concerned over the developments in the past few weeks with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and most of his cabinet colleagues keeping away from office, affecting the day-to-day government work. Several important decisions, including officials' transfer, have been kept on hold for want of Siddaramaiah's consent.

Statements of BJP and JDS leaders BS Yediyurappa and HD Kumaraswamy that Siddaramaiah will step down as CM soon over the alleged scams also seem to have had an impact on top officials in the government. "The officials were also eagerly waiting for the next move of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot -- whether he would give permission to prosecute Siddaramaiah in the alleged MUDA scam or not, and if so when?," a top official said. **P5**

Govt green light for desi nuclear submarine expected this year

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

A government green light to enhance the attack capability of the Indian Navy is due this year through the manufacture of nuclear-powered submarines.

It is expected to serve as a deterrent to the Chinese Navy's increasing foray into the Indian Ocean Region. "The submarine will be more than 90% indigenous," sources said.

Sunday Special

"By the end of the year, I think we should get the go-ahead for indigenous construction, as policymakers at every level have shown their inclination towards the project," a source said.

Since 2008, the Chinese Navy has been rapidly deploying various assets, including attack submarines, in the Indian Ocean region on anti-piracy duty. Prolonged deployments help gain familiarity and confidence. Additionally, Chinese survey vessels have been continuously operating in the region. In May, China completed sea trials of its Fujian aircraft carrier weighing a whopping 80,000 metric tonne. The PLA already has two active carriers — the 66,000-tonne Shandong and the 60,000-tonne Liaoning. "If any Chinese aircraft carrier comes close by, our nuclear submarine will serve as a deterrent because it can stay under water for close to a month."

THE NUCLEAR EDGE
Jan 1988
Indian Navy acquired INS Chakra, its first nuclear submarine from the Soviet Union on lease
INS Arihant
First indigenous nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, was launched on July 26, 2009
INS Arihant's nuclear reactor activated in August 2013
INS Arihant inducted in the Indian Navy in 2016
Indian Navy's at present has 16 conventional submarines, most of which are over 20 years old
+350
China has more than 350 warships submarines
130
India's fleet strength
PROJECT APPROVAL FOR FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE EXPECTED THIS YEAR

There are two types of nuclear submarines, SSN and SSBN. SS stands for submersible ship; SSN is a nuclear-powered submarine; and SSBN is a nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine.

India already has SSBNs. They made the country's nuclear no-first use policy operational. SSNs have multiple mission utility like anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, besides intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. SSBNs offer assured second strike in the event of a nuclear attack.

India's foray into the nuclear submarine domain began with the induction of INS Arihant. It is suitable for the policy of no-first use of nuclear weapons with maintenance of minimum credible deterrence, as part of the nuclear triad.

ALMANAC TODAY
Sunday: 11.08.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Shravana • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Saptami 3.05 am
Nakshatra: Swathi 5.14 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 22°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Isolated tstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 06.06 am
Sunset 06.43 pm
Moonrise 10.29 am
Moonset 10.27 pm

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TRADITION ON A PLATTER

Ancestral Kodava cuisine makes a comeback during the monsoon months, and the rich diet is designed to keep the natives warm and healthy

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

KNOWN to be an agricultural district, farming activities engulf Kodagu during the monsoon months. The chilly weather and hard work in the farmlands demand that one stay healthy, leading to unique dishes being prepared during this period in ancestral times. The indigenous cuisine acts as a natural nutrient supplement, helping the natives maintain body temperature during the chilly and moist weather. While agricultural activities have seen a gradual decline across the district in the recent past, the ancestral fare still make up a large part of the monsoon diet in Kodagu.

The district has a special vibe during the monsoon, and a stroll down any town road introduces one to unique items being sold on the streets. Natives from interior parts of the village turn street vendors and source natural resources available in plenty across the estates and forest fringes of the district, which they sell locally.

The wares vary from the traditionally made bamboo skep (to help clothes dry using charcoal heater) by the roadside in Madikeri, to natural products -- a line of women wearing raincoats selling bamboo shoots, colocasia leaves, crabs, bracken fieldheads and leaves known as Justicia Wynaadensis or 'maddu thoppu' during the monsoon months from June to August. These locally sourced items make up for unique dishes that are prepared in all Kodava houses, and are now also being followed by all communities in the district.

"July 15 to August 15 is 'Kakkada' month in the Kodava calendar," explained Ulliyada Dati Poovaiah, ex-president of Kodava Sahitya Academy. This month is synonymous with 'Ashada' month for Kannadigas, which is considered inauspicious. As the ancestors were busy with field work during this month, no auspicious events were hosted. Extreme weather conditions with heavy rainfall and gusty winds also stopped people from moving out of the safety of their houses, leading to 'Kakkada' month being considered inauspicious for any public or private gatherings.

"Kodagu used to receive the highest rainfall during 'Kakkada', yet people had to be involved in paddy cultivation for a living. Nevertheless, to ensure that one stayed healthy during the extreme weather conditions, special dishes found their way to the plate. All the dishes prepared during this month maintain body temperature, even as they keep other diseases, including pneumonia, at bay," explained Dati.

Bamboo delight

Bamboo shoots are the highlight of the monsoon season and are sourced from within estates. Bamboo shoot curry makes up a large part of the monsoon diet, even as indigenous mushrooms with high protein content take over banquet tables in Kodava houses. "The special dishes prepared during the monsoon ensured one's good health. This ancestral ritual is now being followed every year with Kodava organizations hosting 'Kakkada' food fests to continue the ritual," shared Kannanda Kavitha Bolappa, president of Madikeri Kodava Samaja Women's Wing. She explained that all naturally available produce, including black nightshade leaves, Senna Alata aka ringworm leaves, raw mangoes and other veggies grown in the backyard along with country chicken, formed the ingredients of a rich diet during monsoon.

The highlight of the month's special cuisine is the dishes prepared from Justicia Wynaadensis leaves that are popularly known as the 'maddu thoppu' (medicinal leaves). Kodavas, and today residents from other communities, believe that the Justicia Wynaadensis plants that grow in abundance across the district, attain their highest medicinal value on the 18th day of the Kakkada month. 'Kakkada Padinet' (padinet translating to 18th day) is celebrated and sweet dishes are prepared using the juice extracted from the Justicia Wynaadensis leaves. Besides this, mushroom, country chicken, bamboo shoots, freshwater fish, raw mango curry and other indigenous veggies are prepared for this special day.

"Earlier, farm work including cultivation and harvesting was done by owners of the land. Each family helped the others in cultivating the land. Entire stretches of farmland used to be cultivated by land owners, with help from other land owners, and after the farm work was done, a banquet would to be arranged. It largely included items that ensured balance of body temperature and good health during the chilly months," explained Dati.

What started as a requirement has continued as a tradition, with residents from all other communities indulging in a rich diet with unique dishes prepared during monsoons in Kodagu.

ARPITHA I @ Shivamogga

TURNING A PAGE

Teachers and well-wishers breathe a new life into rundown 89-year-old govt school in Shivamogga

THE 89-year-old Government Model Higher Primary School in KR Puram, Shivamogga, has seen better times. In 2017, with just seven students taking lessons within its hallowed walls, the school was on the verge of closure. However, thanks to the collective effort of teachers, locals, block education officers and elected representatives, the school has now got a new lease of life.

Sharing details about the school's revival with The New Sunday Express, assistant teacher B Ramachari informs that when he was deputed there in 2018, there were only seven students. "It looked like a rundown warehouse, and also resembled a den of illegal activities, where anti-social elements indulged in drug abuse and gambling," he mentions.

"It was important that the school's glory days be restored. I personally took up the challenge to save the school, which was established during the British Raj. I sought help from some locals and started a movement called 'Save Government School', for which I got pamphlets printed and distributed them among people, convincing the latter to send their children to government schools. It was difficult at first, with many of them being unenthused. More than a thousand homes were contacted. With no funds to develop the school, the movement marched on. I did not give up. During this phase, the then corporator Sunita Annappa also joined our movement and helped us get funds for the rejuvenation work," Ramachari says.

Accordingly, the School Development and Monitoring Committee members too propagated the 'Save Government School' movement by conducting door-to-door visits to educate people about admitting their children in government schools.

Ramachari further says that initially, parents were hesitant to send their children to a government school, citing lack of basic amenities, like learning instruments, sturdy infrastructure, pure drinking water, toilets, a playground, compound, efficient teachers and an English medium.

In 2018, local politicians, apart from the corporator, including then MLA KS Eshwarappa, and others, brought in more funds to develop the school, making it a Karnataka Public School. All these efforts bore fruit, and the almost nine-decade-old institution emerged into a hi-tech government school, consisting of smart classrooms, CCTV surveillance, a digital library, and other modern features. Today, 275 students are enrolled in the school, from LKG to Class 7, taught by 11 teachers. In 2023, the school was also selected for the Prime Minister's Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI Yojana).

Ramachari says the number of admissions has risen over time due to the assurance of quality education and improved amenities. The aim is to reach 500 student admissions in 2025-26, he adds.

On the school's inception, Headmistress C Daneshwari says it was constructed in 1935. "Ten years ago, the school had a strength of 700 students. But lack of amenities and quality education led to a fall in numbers. The children of autorickshaw drivers, daily-wage workers and others come to the school. Today, the school imparts English instruction from Classes 1 to 6, and this will also be introduced for Class 7 from next year," she states, adding that the children are also trained in yoga and karate, and a nourishing diet involving millets for their midday meal.

Students playing and using the digital library at the Government Model Higher Primary School at KR Puram in Shivamogga | EXPRESS

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- B Ramachari, assistant teacher

ED continues raids on KIADB B'luru, Dharwad

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THE ED continued its simultaneous raids on the offices of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) in Bengaluru and Dharwad through Saturday, following initial operations that began on Friday.

The ED recently registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) related to an alleged land acquisition scandal for the Hubballi airport. It brought former chief finance officer Vani to the KIADB headquarters at Khanija Bhavan in Bengaluru for questioning, along with current CFO Prakash. Officials scrutinised documents and files at the KIADB's Dharwad office. The investigation was prompted by a complaint filed by a Karnataka Rakshana Vedike activist from Dharwad, as per sources.

Four FIRs were registered in Dharwad in 2022 and 2023 related to the alleged scam. One of these cases has been transferred to the CID, while the others remain under investigation by the local police.

The CID investigation has named 14 individuals as accused, including four KIADB officials, along with officials from IDBI Bank, Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank, and Bank of Baroda.

In a 2022 complaint, the Special Land Acquisition Officer of KIADB alleged that officials and private individuals conspired to create fake documents in 2021, falsely claiming ownership of land that had already been acquired and compensated for by KIADB during the 2011-12 airport project.

Following the 2022 case, at least three additional instances have emerged so far, where private individuals forged documents to claim ownership of KIADB-acquired land and obtained fresh compensation from the board. As a result, new FIRs were filed. The ED has registered an ECIR and conducted raids on Friday.

EXPRESS READ

KR Puram loop at Hebbal to be dismantled

BENGALURU: Starting today, the final span of the KR Puram loop at Hebbal will be dismantled, leading to slow-moving traffic on the route from Nagavara towards Hebbal. This construction work is expected to cause significant delays for commuters heading to the airport and other parts of the city. The dismantling work is projected to be completed within the next 10 days. Commuters from Nagawara heading towards Hebbal can take the Nagawara-Tannery main road to enter Bengaluru City. Commuters from Nagavara travelling to the airport can use the Hennur-Bagalur main road.

STAND FOR CLIMATE

Participants hold placards, highlighting the perils of climate change, during the 8th edition of India March for Science at Freedom Park on Saturday | EXPRESS

PM to launch 13 agri varieties by IIHR, ICAR

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The Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) headquartered in Bengaluru, along with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed 13 high-yielding, climate resilient and nutrient-rich varieties of fruit, vegetable, flower and medicinal crops which will be dedicated to the country by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at the '109 climate-resilient varieties of different field and horticulture crops' event, in Delhi on Sunday.

So far, the two institutes in their six decades of research, have developed 327 new varieties and 154 technologies.

Some of the 13 newly grown hybrids can be used for the commercial growth of flowers that are resistant to diseases, and have immunity-boosting properties.

"The fruit crop hybrids Arka Udaya (mango) and Arka Kiran (guava) are high yielding and semivigorous with high TSS and are amenable for high-density planting," read a release from IIHR. In vegetables, the Okra hybrid Arka Nikita is an iodine-rich genetic male sterile line with resistance to YVMV. The Dolichos bean variety, Arka Vistar is pole-type and photo-insensitive with a pod yield of 37 t/ha. Meanwhile, the Arka Vaibhav variety of tuberose has double-type white flowers and is ideal for cut flower purposes with a yield level of 2.5-3.0 lakh spikes per ha.

IIHR highlighted that the Arka Ashwagandha variety has a high root yield with field tolerance to bacterial wilt and late blight diseases. Arka Prabhavi's variety of Centella Asiatica is high-yielding, and has antidiabetic and immunity-boosting properties.

Two anganwadi workers suspended for taking back eggs from kids' plates

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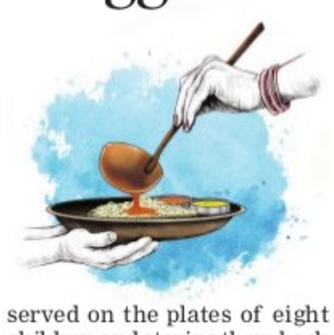

Two anganwadi workers were suspended for allegedly placing eggs on the plates of children and later taking them back during mid-day meals at a village in Koppal district recently. They were suspended after a video went viral.

The state government recently made eggs mandatory for students under the midday meal scheme.

The workers – Lakshmi and Shahnaz Begum -- were suspended soon after the incident came to light from Gundur village in Koppal district.

The video shows one of the teachers collecting all the eggs served on the plates of eight children and storing them back in the kitchen. An order by the Women and Child Welfare Department, which manages over 69,000 Anganwadis, stated that the Koppal child development project officer too will be suspended. The department also issued a notice to the district's deputy director on August 9.

Women and Child Welfare Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar said that as soon as the matter came to her notice, immediate action was taken and instructions were given to department officials to suspend the two workers. "Serving nutritious food and providing equality in education is the objective of Anganwadis... No injustice will be done to underprivileged children," she added.

Hebbalkar said she has sought a detailed report and warned other officers and workers of strict action if such an incident is repeated. She stressed that anyone found guilty of such misconduct would be compulsorily retired from their positions in the department.

KSRTC bags award for unique HR strategies and branding initiatives

Bengaluru: For its unique HR strategies and branding initiatives, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has bagged TV-9 Network 'Leaders of Road Transport Award-2024' under Best Company of the Year in the country category. In an award felicitation function held in New Delhi, Harsh Malhotra, Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, and Corporate Affairs, presented the award to KSRTC. Dr Nandini Devi K, Director (Personnel & Vigilance) KSRTC received the award.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao urged the Centre to waive the 18% GST on health insurance, reinsurance, and life insurance. He likened the tax to penalising someone for wearing a helmet, arguing that the high GST is deterring the public from purchasing health insurance and placing an additional burden on current policyholders. "In the past 3 years, nearly Rs 24,500 crore has been collected as GST from health insurance and reinsurance. This is unjust, as it impacts the well-being of the public," he said

Man strangled to death by wife, colleague

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FRUSTRATED by frequent arguments with her husband, a 32-year-old woman allegedly strangled him to death with a mobile charging cable. It has been reported that she is in an illicit relationship with her colleague, who is also a suspect in the crime. The incident occurred around 3 pm on Friday, when Tejaswini called Gajendra, with whom she allegedly has an illicit relationship, to her home in Hagaduru, Whitefield.

Sources indicated that the two had been in contact through their work at a private sales company, where they called people to collect EMIs and process loans. The two used to work from home and frequently met in person. Mahesh, brother of the deceased, had previously warned them about their interactions. Mahesh, an auto driver, and Tejaswini, who were married for about 14 years, frequently argued over financial matters. They often called the local police station to report their disputes.

On Friday, when Mahesh arrived home, he again argued with Tejaswini. Later, Tejaswini and Gajendra used a phone charging cable and strangled Mahesh. The police have arrested the duo for murder.

Spl court refuses to discharge 15 accused in DJ Halli rioting case

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

THE NIA special court refused to discharge 15 accused who were part of an unruly mob that rioted and burnt vehicles parked in front of the KG Halli police station during the 2020 Bengaluru riots.

"A careful analysis of the materials placed by the prosecution before this court, there are materials to show that the accused persons were part of the conspiracy meeting, were part of an unruly mob, actively participated in the rioting and burnt the vehicles parked in front of KG Halli Police Station... Therefore, the prosecution has made out a prima facie case to frame charges against the accused persons," said Judge Gangadhara CM, rejecting the petition filed by Syed Abbas and 14 others.

The accused were chargesheeted by NIA as they were allegedly involved in DJ Halli and KG Halli riots over an inflammatory post by the relative of a local MLA on August 11, 2020.

The counsel for the accused told the court that NIA divided the accused into four groups, though allegations made against them are similar. NIA has invoked provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act only against selected accused. It has produced several videos along with the chargesheet and the accused against whom the provisions of the Act are invoked are not seen committing any illegal activities in the videos. The provisions of the Act should not be invoked against the accused and they are entitled to discharge from prosecution under the Act, he argued.

But the court said the material available on record prima facie indicate that the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act are also attracted against the other accused. The investigation officer has committed a blunder without invoking the said provisions against the other accused in the chargesheet. It does not mean that this court has no power to frame a charge against the other accused under the Act. It is not a ground to discharge the accused from prosecution for the offences under the Act. The genuinity of the statements recorded by NIA and genuinity of the statements recorded by the state investigating agency is a matter of trial, it added.

CITY IN CRATERS

Vehicles precariously navigate a pothole-riddled Kodipalya main road, following a spell of rain, in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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Man records videos in cafe washroom, arrested

BENGALURU: A 23-year-old man was arrested for allegedly recording videos from the women's washroom of popular coffee chain Third Wave Coffee. According to police, the accused Manoj was working at the New BEL Road's outlet of the cafe. "On Saturday morning, one of the visitors who went to the washroom found a mobile with the camera on, concealed in the dustbin. The camera was put on flight mode, and was placed in a way facing the toilet seat," the police said. The cafe management looked for the phone's owner, and Manoj was arrested the same day.

Bidar records earthquake of 2.6 magnitude

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A mild earthquake of 2.6 magnitude was recorded in parts of Bidar district at 4.26 pm on Saturday. Seismologists said that Bidar is in the non-seismic zone and the region recorded an earthquake of 2.6 magnitude for the first time.

The epicentre was south west of Sitalgera gram panchayat in Humnabad taluk of Bidar district. The seismic intensity map of the earthquake from the epicentre showed that the intensity was low. The tremors might have been felt up to a maximum radial distance of 40 km from the epicentre. "This type of earthquake does not create any harm, although there may be slight shaking locally. The epicentre falls in Seismic Zone - 2, wherein the possibility of damages due to the earthquake is very less," a press release said.

Two die as factory ceiling collapses in Peenya

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TWO labourers died and another suffered serious injuries when the ceiling of a factory building collapsed on them at the industrial area in Peenya on Saturday. Veeresh, 35, from Kalaburagi died on the spot, while Imam Sheik, 28, from Yadgir, passed away on the way to hospital. Prakash, 55, also from Kalaburagi, is being treated at Victoria Hospital.

The property owner and the building contractor fled the spot after the ceiling collapsed. Around nine labourers were working there, according to police. The property is reportedly owned by a former JDS leader from Tumakuru. However, police officers said that they are yet to confirm this. The incident took place around 2.15 pm at the building near NTTF Circle in Peenya.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (North Division) Saidulu Adavath told TNIE that the building was old and the labourers were working on the fifth floor. "The labourers were installing an industrial lift on the fifth floor when the ceiling collapsed. Iron rods and other construction material fell, resulting in the death of two workers and seriously injuring another," Adavath said.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.(KMBL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to KMBL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to KMBL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice & NPA Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
BBA-WC LOAN ACCOUNT NO. 4111839160 & 8234CL0100000001 (CRN 34121971). **1. M/s R K Agencies** **Represented by : Mr. Mahadev Guddad** Shop No.42 & 49, BDA Complex, Viveknagar East, Jalnagar, Bijapur-586101, Karnataka **(Borrower)** **2. Mr. Mahadev Guddad** Plot No 1121, HIG 2, RS No 966, Siddeshwara Layout, Bagalkote Road, Vijayapura, Karnataka - 586103 **... (Guarantor)** **3. Mr Nikhil Mahadev Guddad** Plot No 1121, HIG 2, RS No 966, Siddeshwara Layout, Bagalkote Road, Vijayapura, Karnataka - 586103 **... (Guarantor)** **4. Mrs. Pratibha Mahadev** Flat No 24, 3rd Floor, Block 12 (Bhavapriya) Nandi Gardens, Phase 2, Alahalli, J P Nagar, 9th Phase, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560062 **Also At : Mrs. Pratibha Mahadev** Plot No 1121, HIG 2, RS No 966, Siddeshwara Layout, Bagalkote Road, Vijayapura, Karnataka - 586103 **... (Guarantor)**	**NPA DATE :** 13-06-2024 **Demand Notice Date :** 6-08-2024 **Rs. 50,02,135.52** ps (Rupees : Fifty Lakhs Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Fifty Two Only) as on 05-08-2024	**Mortgage over following property :** **Item No 1 :** All the Piece and Parcel of the property being 324.35 Sq FT of Undivided Share, right, title and interest in the land bearing Sy No 12A measuring 3 Acers 18 Guntas, Sy No 12B measuring 3 Acers 30 Guntas, Sy No 23 measuirng 2 Acers 27 Guntas, Sy No 24 measuring 1 Acre and 21 Guntas, Sy No 25/1 measuring 1 acre and 14 Guntas and Sy No 25/2 measuring 2 acres 39 guntas of Aalahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring in all 15 acres and 29 Guntas, together with An Apartment bearing Flat No 24, BBMP Khata No Block NO12/ Flat No 24/3FF, in the 3rd Floor, Block 12(Bhavapriya),Nandi Gardens, Phase 2, Alahalli, J P Nagar, 9th Phase, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore - 560062 having a Super built up area of 1300 Sq Ft, together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and building and Structures as may be erected/Constructed there upon any time from/after the date of respective mortgages and all addition thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or parentally fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future. Boundaries **East :** Sy No 35 and Boundary of Raghuvanahalli Village **West :** Road to Anajanpura and Sy No 30 **South :** Tank and Sy No 27 & 26 **North :** Sy Nos 20,21,13 & 11 **Item No 2 :** All the Piece and Parcel of the property bearing Plot No 1121, HIG 2, RS No 966, Siddeshwara Layout, Bagalkote Road, Vijayapura, Karnataka - 586103 measuring 360 Sq Mtrs, together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and building and Structures as may be erected / Constructed there upon any time from / after the date of respective mortgages and all addition thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or parentally fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future Boundaries: **East :** House No 1160 & 1161 MIG **West :** Road **North :** Plot No 1120 HIG II **South :** Plot No 1122 HIG II

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to KMBL as aforesaid, KMBL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of KMBL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Bangalore | Date : 11-08-2024 **Sd/- (Authorised Officer), For Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Trishul Builders & Promoters represented by its proprietor B. Narendra Reddy is intending to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule herein from its owner, **M/s.M.S Shelters Private Limited** Represented by its Director Mrs.Asha Sathish. The owner represents and warrants that it is the absolute owner of the schedule property and it has neither conveyed nor has entered into any agreement of sale / development agreement /memorandum of understanding nor any sort of arrangement with any person/s for sale / transfer/ development of the schedule property. The owner further represents that it has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any charge or lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from it, there are no other person/s, firm or company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having objections or claim/s, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s or claim/s **within 15(fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Old Survey No.69,New Survey No.69/2 measuring to an extent of 34guntas,situated at Maragondanahalli Village, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, bounded on East By : Panchayath Road, West By : Property belonging to Mr.P.Lingappa, North By : Remaining portion of the Sy.No.69/1, South By : Land in Sy.No.68.

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GOLD JEWEL PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

The following borrowers have availed Jewel loans and failed to redeem the same within the stipulated time in spite of repeated notices. If they fail to redeem the pledged jewels, the same will be sold in public auction at **Union Bank of India, Raghuvanahalli Branch** on **30/08/2024 at 4.00 PM.**
Public Notice is hereby given to the General Public as well as to the Borrowers and applies to legal heirs of the deceased borrower, if any. A copy of this notice is sent by Registered Post AD to redeem the gold within the period.

Sl. No.	Account No.	Name	Balance Outstanding as on
01	149016530000393	**Sudhakiran**	**Rs.2,03,552.19/-**

The reserve price shall be the price at Market value of the jewels as on the date of sale and as fixed by the Branch Manager. Successful bidders have to pay the bid amount by Cash or online transfer on the same day before 4.00 PM. Branch Manager reserve the right to cancel / postpone the Auction or any part of the auction without any notice/assigning any reason.

Date: 11.08.2024 **Sd/- Sr. Br. Manager**
Place: Bengaluru **Raghuvanahalli, Branch**

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Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.
The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.
The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**1. Smt. Jayashree W/o Late Rangaswamy,** **2. Sri. Ravichandra R. S/o Late Rangaswamy,** **3. Smt. Vishala R. D/o Late Rangaswamy,** **4. Sri. Hemantha Kumar R. S/o Late Rangaswamy** All are resident at: No.260, 2nd Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Shani Mahatma Temple, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560079. **Gurarantors:** **1. Sri. C. Anand Murthy, S/o Chikkaboraiah** No.260, 2nd Main Road, 4th Cross, Near Shani Mahatma Temple, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560079. **2. Sri. Praveen Kumar V, S/o C. Venkataramanayya** No.260, 2nd Main Road, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560079. **3. Sri. Sabari V. S/o Vaiyapori** No.38, 1st Main, 6th Cross, J C Nagara, Bengaluru-560086.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bieng the land with residential building bearing Present Corporation No.260 registered in PID No.16-70-260, Survey No.46 of Kamalanagara Layout, Bengaluru City, Old site No.260 of Layout formed by Govt of Karnataka in Survey No.46 of Saneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.16(74), Bengaluru. **Measuring:** East to West : 20'-0" Feet or 6.10 Mts and North to South : 36'-0" Feet or 10.98 Mts. having a total extent of 66.978 square Mts. or 720 Square feets and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Property of Ranganath, **West by**: Property of Shakunthalamma, **North by**: Others Property, **South by** : Road.	22.05.2024	08.08.2024	**A/c No. EMI - 20 Rs.43,69,274/- + With further interest & other charges from 22.05.2024**
2.	**Sri. M. V. Venkataswamy S/o Late Venkatappa** No.83, Naganathapura, Behind Police Station, Parappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100. **Gurantors:** **1. Smt. Shivamma W/o M. V. Venkatswamy** No.83, Naganathapura, Behind Police Station, Parappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100. **2. Sri. Nagesh N. V. S/o Late Venkataramanappa** No.3/1, 12th Cross, 1st Stage, Indiranagara, CMH Road, Bengaluru-560038. **3. Sri. Ramachandrappa S/o Late Venkatappa** No.118, Garbe Bhavi Palya, 2nd Cross, Bandepalya, Near Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Coropration No.118 registered in present BBMP Khata No.1185/42/118 carved out of Survey No.42 of Garvebhavipaya Village, Hongasandra Dhakhale, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.190, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 30'-00" Feet and North to South 40'-00" feet, having a total extent of 1200 Square Fts, and **Bounded on the**: **East by**: Road, **West by**: Property of Basha, **North by**: Road, **South by**: House of Shanthamma.	01.06.2023	08.08.2024	**A/c No. EMI - 301 and 324 Rs.62,91,767/- + With further interest & other charges from 03.06.2024**

Date: 11.08.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place:Bangalore **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bengaluru.**

CID sleuths, probing the suspicious death of former PSI of Yadgir town police station, recovered a diary from his quarters. Sources said that PSI Parashuram used to write down his personal details and official financial transactions in that particular diary

BJP, JDS WILL CONTINUE FIGHT TILL CONG GOVT DETHRONED: AGARWAL

DK Shivakumar's assets have grown from ₹75 crore to ₹1,400 crore, says BJP MP

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BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, in charge of party affairs in Karnataka, on Saturday said the alliance partners BJP and JDS will continue their agitation till the Congress government is dethroned.

At the valedictory of the Mysuru Chalo padayatra of BJP-JDS at Maharaja's College Grounds here, Agarwal said Congress leaders are cowards who escaped from the Assembly as they could not reply to questions raised by BJP and JDS on MUDA and Valmiki scams.

"It is a cowardly government which is shaken by the andolan launched by opposition parties. If the government had initiated welfare programmes for the poor, the opposition would have supported it. But it has looted the public money reserved for the welfare of the people. Opposition parties had to launch the padayatra to seek answers from the government. As it is a people's fight, the opposition will continue the agitation till the corrupt government is removed," he said.

On the personal assets of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Agarwal said, "When he contested his first Assembly election, his asset was Rs 75 crore. Now it is over Rs 1,400 crore. People want to know his source of income. The assets of Congress leaders have increased by looting the funds of the government. The government has become bankrupt and there are no funds for welfare programmes. CM Siddaramaiah who claims himself to be honest has received 14 sites from MUDA through illegal means."

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Pralhad Joshi said, "Siddaramaiah is trying to escape from the punishment for the crime which he committed by offering to return the MUDA sites. But he has to face the punishment for the crime which he committed. The Valmiki scam is being discussed throughout the country. The Congress government has diverted SCP-TSP grants reserved for SC/STs for guarantee schemes. Corruption is the Congress' DNA. Congress has done injustice to backward communities, while BJP made Narendra Modi, a backward community leader, Prime Minister for ten years."

He said Congress should have named its convention as Dhanandolana instead of Janandolana as it has looted the public money.

"BJP and JDS will take up legal and political fight against the Congress government till it is dethroned from power," he said.

BJP state president BY Vijayendra has a word with his father and former CM BS Yediyurappa at the Mysuru Chalo Padayatra valedictory in Mysuru on Saturday, as Union minister HD Kumaraswamy and LoP R Ashoka look on | UDAYASHANKAR S

Padayatra ends, BJP-JDS netas vow to fight till Siddu quits

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THE BJP-JDS padayatra against the ruling Congress over the alleged scams in MUDA and ST development corporation ended here on Saturday with the alliance partners declaring that they will continue their struggle till Chief Minister Siddaramaiah resigns owning moral responsibility for the scams and the "corrupt" Congress government steps down.

The mega rally turned out to be a show of strength of the alliance partners in Siddaramaiah's home turf. The alliance leaders disputed Siddaramaiah's claim that he is "clean" and painted him as "corrupt" who "betrayed" the SCs and STs by allegedly diverting Rs 25,000 crore allocated for their development, to other schemes. Stating that Siddaramaiah has lost moral right to continue in office as CM, BJP leaders BS Yediyurappa, Prahlad Joshi and BY Vijayendra and JDS leaders HD Kumaraswamy and Nikhil Kumaraswamy said both the parties will work together to liberate people from the "corrupt" Congress government.

Alleging that the Siddaramaiah government fled the House fearing the Opposition attack, the BJP-JDS leaders fired a barrage of questions at Siddaramaiah. They sought action against him for the alleged violation of rules and misuse of power to get 14 MUDA sites registered in his wife's name.

Lashing out at Siddaramaiah for asking him to retire from politics, Yediyurappa said that he would be in public life till his last breath. "I will tour the state and will not rest till you (Siddaramaiah) step down," he added.

Development works have come to a standstill in the state, he said and dared Siddaramaiah to dissolve the House and seek a fresh mandate. He claimed that the BJP will win 130-140 seats if the elections are held now. He advised Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to worry about his future and claimed that the BJP-JDS alliance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former PM HD Deve Gowda will bounce back to power in Karnataka.

Kumaraswamy said that he has accepted the challenge of Shivakumar, who recently stated that he will come up with details of his (HDK's) involvement in 50 land denotification cases. The Union Minister said that there is no point in Siddaramaiah regretting or volunteering to return the MUDA sites granted to his wife after violating rules and misusing power.

Reiterating the demand for Siddaramaiah's resignation, Vijayendra said the alliance partners will continue their agitation against the "corrupt" Congress government. He challenged Shivakumar to make public the alleged scams during the BJP and JDS rule in the past. He alleged that Siddaramaiah got 15 FIRs registered against Yediyurappa in the past 15 years.

DKS says he is not threatened by HDK's remarks

BENGALURU: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said he is not intimidated by the persistent threats of Union minister HD Kumaraswamy. "I have put up with Kumaraswamy's threats for the last 2-3 years. He is threatening that he will release documents against me. Let him do it, I am not the one to be threatened. He has accused me of usurping properties from widows at gunpoint. If he has proof, let him file a complaint," the DCM told reporters in Bengaluru. Asked why personal attacks are increasing between him and the JDS leader, he said Kumaraswamy is the one who started it and he is talking in desperation after his son lost the election. "I know the conspiracies that are brewing," he said. Shivakumar said he has not claimed that he made his assets through agricultural income. "I am as much a businessman as I am a politician. I purchase land as per my ability, but haven't taken any property by force as accused," he said. Asked about BJP leaders' statement that their fight will go on till Siddaramaiah resigns, he said there is no question of the CM resigning. This is a political conspiracy to unseat him and they are daydreaming, he said.

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DK Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister

HDK blames DKS for suicide of Coffee Day's Siddhartha

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THE ongoing war of words turned explosive when Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy took the name of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar in the suicide of Cafe Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha, who was the son-in-law of former CM SM Krishna.

At the valedictory of the BJP-JDS Mysuru Chalo Padayatra here on Saturday, Kumaraswamy said Krishna not only gave Shivakumar a political life, but also groomed him to achieve greater heights. "Who is responsible for the suicide of his son-in-law, Mr Shivakumar? Will you present before the people who are responsible," he asked.

He said, "The one who stole manhole caps and sold them to make a living now speaks about me, my father HD Deve Gowda and former CM BS Yediyurappa." On Shivakumar raising questions over the assets of Deve Gowda, Kumaraswamy said, "How did Shivakumar become rich, even though his father worked in the fields? In comparison, Deve Gowda started his career as an engineer after completing his diploma."

He alleged, "Shivakumar, being the most cunning and vindictive politician, fixed Bhavani (JDS leader HD Revanna's wife) in the CD scandal and ensured that Revanna's both sons are behind bars. Should people believe such conspirators?"

He ridiculed Shivakumar for promising to stand like a rock with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, saying the deputy chief minister assured the same when the JDS-Congress coalition government was in power, but later turned the tables around.

Guv yet to act, Abraham may move court

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ANTI-corruption activist TJ Abraham is likely to move court as Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has not taken any decision as yet with regard to issuing sanction for prosecuting Chief minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA scam.

He had filed a petition before the governor, seeking sanction on July 26 and the latter issued a showcause notice to the CM the same day. "In the showcause notice, the governor has noted that the allegations against the CM are of a serious nature and prima facie seem plausible. But I do not know why the governor is delaying sanctioning preosecution," Abraham said.

He informed that he held discussions with his lawyers and is mulling filing a special suit, either before the special court for the trial of people's representatives or the Karnataka High Court. "In a money laundering case against former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, the governor had rejected my petition seeking sanction, following which I had moved the high court, which had said it is not right to reject the petition," he recalled.

He clarified that he is firm on taking the MUDA case to its logical end. "I had also fought against former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy in an illegal mining case, in which the SIT had sought prosecution by the governor,"

Meanwhile, Gehlot, who was travelling, will return to Raj Bhavan on Sunday evening.

Confident of Guv junking plea, says Home Min

BENGALURU: Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said they are confident that Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will not give sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case. However, if permission is given, the government will weigh legal options against it, he said. Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, the home minister said that should a legal battle begin, depending on further developments, they will decide on meeting the President of India. The minister said dozens of cases are pending in the Governor's Office, but he has not given permission for prosecution in any of those cases. However, in the MUDA case, a notice was issued to the CM on the same day of receiving a petition from activist TJ Abraham. There is a conspiracy behind it and they will wait and see what the governor's next step will be, he said. He said they have ordered investigation into alleged scams going back to the BJP rule. Based on reports, the cabinet will discuss the future course. ENS

Rallies kick up a political storm; All eyes on Raj Bhavan

AROUND the time when Indian athletes were competing at the Paris Olympics to bring glory to the nation, Karnataka was witnessing intense competition among its top politicians to outdo each other in muckraking and name-calling. The tone and tenor of the political discourse in the past week was more aggressive than witnessed during the peak of elections.

The BJP-JDS Bengaluru-Mysuru Padayatra, demanding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's resignation over the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) allotting sites to his wife and Congress' "Janandolana" rallies to counter the opposition campaign kicked up a major political storm in Karnataka. Congress' campaign ended on Friday a day before the BJP's padayatra concluded with a big rally at the same venue in the CM's hometown of Mysuru.

While both sides are digging in for a long battle, the week-long political drama from opposition and ruling parties yet again showed that politics, not governance, continues to be the centre of the discourse in Karnataka.

Though the CM and some proactive ministers are trying to address the woes of people in flood-hit areas, the discourse is mainly hovering around politics and implications over the Governor's next move in the petition seeking permission to prosecute the CM in the MUDA case.

While Congress' response to the BJP-JDS' padayatra looked over-the-top, it gave enough indication about how the party perceives the evolving situation.

In the "Janandolana" convention, the CM, who is in the eye of the storm over the MUDA sites allotment and multi-crore financial irregularities in the ST Development Corporation, tried to assert his unassailable position within the party and government. The entire party, including the central leadership, rallied behind him. The rallies and the CM's blistering attack sent out a political message to the BJP-JDS and the Union Government.

However, the message was not confined to opposition alone. It looked as though his supporters were sending out a subtle message – that Siddaramaiah's mass appeal is intact and he continues to be the face of the party -- to even those within the party who were doubting his credentials. Continued backing from the party's central leadership will be crucial if things get difficult for the CM.

"No one can touch me as long as your blessings are with me," the CM told the ebullient crowd of his supporters. He took them through a glimpse of his long political career, which he claimed is spotless and dedicated to the welfare of the poor and downtrodden communities. "I know you all will fight like soldiers on my behalf," the CM said, indicating the long fight ahead.

Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot is yet to decide on activist TJ Abraham's petition, seeking permission to prosecute the CM in the MUDA case. The CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) are probing the ST Development Corporation scam, in which a former minister is arrested and questions are being raised about the role of the Finance Department. The Finance portfolio is with the CM.

On the positive side, the developments seem to have united the party. It did what many diktats from the party high command had failed to do in the past!

On its part, the BJP-JDS managed to take the fight to the CM's home turf. To some extent, they were able to create the impression of political uncertainty in the state. By forcing Congress to react in the manner it did, the opposition managed to keep the narrative around alleged scams and not the guarantees or the other works. So much so that most discussions revolved around it as the government responded to the opposition charges in equal measure.

BJP has decided to continue the fight and up the ante. Former CM BS Yediyurappa, BJP National General Secretary Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal, and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy launched a scathing attack against the CM and the DyCM at the valedictory of the eight-day Bengaluru-Mysuru padayatra. All of them said it is the beginning of the agitation against the Congress government and they would continue it.

However, its padayatra in the Old Mysuru region exposed the delicate equation between the alliance partners. Anger among JDS workers over BJP General Secretary Preetham Gowda's participation in the padayatra seems to be just one of the problems. Preetham, a Vokkaliga leader from Hassan, was accused of working against former PM and JDS leader Deve Gowda's family. The BJP's efforts to strengthen its base in the Vokkaliga heartland will cause some discomfiture to the JDS.

The padayatra helped BJP state president BY Vijayendra to cement his position within his party, notwithstanding some internal differences. It also provided a platform for JDS' youth leader Nikhil Kumaraswamy as he prepares for bigger responsibilities in the regional party. Actor-turned-politician Nikhil is the son of HD Kumaraswamy and he unsuccessfully contested the 2019 Lok Sabha and 2024 Assembly polls. He is now emerging as the face of the regional party.

Young leaders are taking centre stage in both parties that are going all guns blazing to put the CM and the Congress on the defensive.

As the dust kicked up by the political rallies settles down, all eyes are on Raj Bhavan as the Governor's next move will decide the future course of state politics.

For now, the discourse has hit a new low with those holding big positions resorting to discourteous language and muckraking. People expect them to answer serious allegations they have made against each other, instead of continuing mud-slinging.

KARNATAKA SCs WELCOME CENTRE'S DECISION ON CREAMY LAYER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WITH the Union government deciding not to consider implementing the creamy layer as ordered by the Supreme Court, to keep the economically strong SC/STs away from the benefits of the quota, communities in Karnataka, especially those hailing from Scheduled Castes, are relieved. In its recent judgment, the Supreme Court said the state governments have the powers to sub-classify the SC quota and it was welcomed by a section of SC communities.

Former BJP minister and Chitradurga MP Govind Karjol, who was part of a delegation of SC/ST MPs that petitioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said the latter promised them that the Centre will not implement the creamy layer in the quota.

"We discussed it with the PM, as implementing the creamy layer will mete out injustice to SC/STs who get the quota on the basis of their social stigma and Modi responded positively," he said in New Delhi.

"If the creamy layer is implemented, it would have deprived the benefits to children of communities whose parents' income is above Rs 8 lakh per annum. Citing lack of beneficiaries in certain schemes, the governments would have diverted the benefits to other categories," said Dalit Sangharsha Samithi (DSS) leader C Bhanuprakash.

In Karnataka, SCs were divided over the classification of quota, following the Justice AJ Sadashiva Commission report. Bhovis and Lambanis had protested against the implementation of the report, saying it was unscientific. But the forum that fought for internal reservation for SCs for over three decades urged the state government to implement it, citing data the commission had collected after conducting a door-to-door survey, said forum's convenor BK Keshavamurthy at a joint press conference, here on Saturday.

The commission had recommended a classification of 15 per cent SC quota by giving 6% to SC (left), 5% to SC (right), 3% to Bhovi, Lambanis, Koracha and Koramas and 1% to other 101 castes. "But the previous BJP government, led by then CM Basavaraj Bommai, increased the quota for SCs to 17 per cent proportionate to their population. Then, the classification should be 6%, 5.5%, 4.5% and 1% respectively for the communities," said S Mareppa, an advocate.

Landslide hits rail connectivity between B'luru, M'luru again

Restoration work under progress between Sakleshpur-Ballupete railwayline on Saturday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

TWO days after train operations resumed between the coast and Bengaluru and other hinterlands after a gap of 13 days, operations again came to a halt on Saturday following a landslip between Sakleshpur and Ballupet stations of Mysuru division.

A release from the South Western Railways said the landslip occurred approximately at 12.30 am. Six trains were terminated at various stations, and the South Western Railways made arrangements to supply breakfast, lunch and water bottles to the affected passengers.

The Railways commissioned 26 KSRTC buses and 1,980 passengers were ferried to their destinations. The Railways also refunded 189 tickets, amounting to Rs 1,15,035.

The technical staff of South Western Railway rushed to the spot and 450 labourers are working to clear the tracks and resume traffic. Senior officers, including General Manager Arvind Srivastava, Additional General Manager K S Jain, Divisional Railway Manager of Mysuru division Shilpi Agarwal, visited the spot.

With the landslide, the following trains, scheduled to depart on August 11, have been cancelled. Train no. 16575 Yesvantpur-Mangaluru Jn Express, train no. 16540 Mangaluru Jn-Yesvantpur Express and train no. 16595 KSR Bengaluru–Karwar Express.

Train no. 16596 Karwar-KSR Bengaluru Express, which was to start on August 12, too has been cancelled.

Top state govt officials burn midnight oil

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"IT is time consuming to reopen files and documents related to various scams that happened under previous BJP and JDS governments and it will have a negative impact on the administration. But we were forced to reopen the files as Opposition parties are trying to corner the ruling Congress," Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna said recently.

With the Congress threatening that it will expose the scams that took place during the rule of BJP and JDS in the past, along with leaders of the ruling party, top officials of some departments burnt midnight oil for several days looking for some files, according to a source. In this process, the role of some bureaucrats in the scams under the previous governments also came to the fore, according to a leader from the ruling party.

Political analysts observed that CM spending most of his time in his hometown of Mysuru last week indicated that the recent developments had demoralised him.

FIRM CHIEF RAISES DOUBTS OVER T'GANA'S FINANCIAL STABILITY

'If govt doesn't honour its commitments, Amara Raja may go elsewhere'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

GALLA Jayadev, the former MP and chairman of Amara Raja Energy and Mobility, on Saturday expressed concerns regarding the financial stability of the Telangana government. He suggested that if the commitments made by the previous BRS government are not upheld, Amara Raja may have to reconsider plans for expanding its plant in the state.

His comments come at a time when Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is on a visit to the United States to attract investments to Telangana, and they are seen as critical of the current Congress government.

Amara Raja had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the BRS government, committing to a ₹9,500 crore investment over a decade. This investment is intended for the establishment of a research and development centre, as well as a Greenfield manufacturing facility for lithium-ion batteries, with an ultimate capacity of up to 16 GWh and a battery pack assembly unit of up to 5 GWh.

Jayadev spoke to reporters during the groundbreaking ceremony for the company's customer qualification plant for cell manufacturing and the inauguration of Phase 1 of the battery pack plant in Mahbubnagar district. He recalled the commitments made by the previous government and expressed the hope that the current dispensation would honour them.

The former MP also raised questions about the financial capacity of the present government, saying, "The doubt is, now it's a different government and until we see it actually happen, we won't know... Do they have the funds? Do they have the resources to honour those commitments?"

Asked about potential expansion beyond the 16 GWh capacity and whether the company had concerns regarding the new government, Jayadev responded, "There are no issues with the government as of now. We are not expecting trouble, but you know how things go in India... We are hopeful and we are waiting and watching. As long as the experience is positive, we would not have to look elsewhere (for expansion beyond 16 GWh)."

He also projected that Amara Raja Group could become a US$5 billion entity in the next five years, contingent on favourable market conditions and successful project execution.

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Bengalureans extend their support to Bangladeshi Hindus during a protest in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Raise genocide issue: Labour member to UK

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

Dr Neeraj Patil, who is a member of the Labour Party's National Executive Council in the UK and who is on a visit to Bengaluru, has requested Britain's Labour Party MPs to raise the issue of a potential genocide against Hindus in Bangladesh in Parliament and with the Foreign Office.

In his letter to the MPs, he wrote, "We also urge you to support the Indian Government in relocating the ousted Prime Minister to a safer country. Her presence in India could provoke severe backlash against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh."

Patil told TNSE that he has written to Foreign Secretary David Lammy, urging him to ensure the safety of the 8% Hindu minority and other ethnic groups in Bangladesh. Though the UK government has denied asylum to Hasina, members of the "Hindus for Labour", which is led by Patil, have suggested that offering asylum to Sheikh Hasina in Britain would enhance the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh. Hasina's sister, Sheikh Rehana, is a British citizen, and her niece, Tulip Siddiq, serves as the economic secretary to the Treasury in the UK.

The Hindu Forum of Britain has also written to UK PM Keir Starmer and Lammy to take steps to ensure the safety of Hindus in Bangladesh.

MB Patil seeks support for relief efforts in Wayanad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Industries Minister MB Patil appealed industry leaders and corporations across to support the relief and rehabilitation efforts in Wayanad. In a letter to industry leaders, Patil highlighted the catastrophic loss resulting from the recent landslides, which have ravaged approximately 310 hectares of agricultural land, devastating the livelihoods of thousands of families in the affected regions of Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Attamala, and Meppadi. The disaster has left many without shelter, food, or basic necessities, he stated.

He urged them to come forward and contribute generously to the ongoing relief operations led by the Kerala government. He emphasised the critical need for immediate rescue efforts, provision of essential supplies, and long-term rehabilitation initiatives. These include rebuilding homes, restoring agricultural lands, reconstructing schools and other essential infrastructure, providing livelihood support, and ensuring access to healthcare for those affected. The Minister asked industries to coordinate with Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development, for any clarifications or assistance regarding their contributions.

Devastating landslides in Wayanad claimed over 400 lives and many people are still missing.

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EXISTING AND ARISING VACANCIES
Immediately require on permanent basis :
Professor - Radiology/Radio Diagnosis, Medical Oncology, Nuclear Medicine: Scale of pay – 168900-220400, Level 14 A of 7th CPC
Assistant Professor
Scale of pay – 101500-167400, Level 12of 7th CPC
1. Clinical Hematology 2. Medical Oncology
3. Radiology/Radiodiagnosis & 4. Nuclear Medicine
Online Applications are invited for the aforementioned posts on permanent basis. The last date for submitting online application is 05.09.2024, 5PM. Details are available in mcc.kerala.gov.in Sd/- Director

WESTERN RAILWAY
Material Management Department
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/43/2024 Date 09.08.2024

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
556	Brushless alternator of 4.5 KW CAP.V	184 Nos	06-Sep-24
557	12 V , 7 AH Sealed Maintenance Free (SMF) Lead Acid Rechargeable battery	9960 Nos	07-Sep-24
558	Wheel & Axle Assembly (Powered with Axle Gearbox)	6 Nos	10Sep-24
559	Polyurethane packing washer	8310 Nos	11-Sep-24
560	Centre pivot top for BLC Wagon	354 Nos	12-Sep-24
561	POH kit for KEO type distributor valve	4375 Set	16-Sep-24
	REVERSE AUCTION		
43	Valve regulated lead acid battery	157 Set	06-Sep-24
44	Various Item of Tugsten Carbide tip and Modified Carbide Tamping Tool	960 Nos 44 Set	12-Sep-24

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in and wr.indianrailways.gov.in.
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SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Gandhibazar Branch, Bengaluru,** will be sold "As is where", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" **on 11.09.2024 (10.30 a.m.to 11.30 a.m.)** for recovery of **Rs.4,13,87,642/-** (Rupees Four Crore Thirteen lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Six hundred and Forty Two Only) as on 07.08.2024 with further interest/charges due to the **Gandhibazar Branch, Bengaluru,** from **1. M/s. Anurag Motors,** No. 102, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004.
2. Partner and Property owner, **Mr. M. N. Sridhar,** S/o M. G. Nagendraiah, Residing at : No. 643, 22nd Main, 25th Cross, Near Park, Poorna Pragna Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore - 560 061.
3. Partner , **Smt. Savitha S.** W/o. Sridhar, Residing at: No. 643, 22nd Main, 25th Cross, Near Park, Poorna Pragna layout, Uttarahalli Bangalore - 560 061.
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **10/09/2024** by **04.00** PM by way of DD favouring **Authorized Officer**, **Canara Bank, Gandhibazar Branch** or through online payment to Account No.- **209272434** (IFS Code- **CNRB0010441**).

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY(IES)

(Rs.in lacs)

Lot	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1.	All that piece and parcel of residential building bearing Property No. 643, Khatha No. 954/643, Sy No. 25, 22nd Main Road, 25th Cross, Road, Poornaprajna House and Building Co operative Society layout Vaddarapalya Uttarahalli Hobli, Ward No. 184, Bengaluru - 560 061, Boundaries : East by : Road, West by : Site No. 642, North by: Site No. 628, South by : Road.	226.1	22.6	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com or may contact **Senior Manager, Gandhibazar Branch, Bangalore, Canara Bank,** Ph: No. 8073560105 during office hours on any working day.
Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager
Date: 09.08.2024 Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our client intends to purchase Apartment No.F-1, in the First Floor, BBMP E-Aasthi No.3/A-2, PID No.75-61-3/A-2, measuring 2082 Sq.feet Built-up Area, along with 150 Sq.feet, of One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement, of the Multistoried Residential Apartment Building Known as "ANAND HABITAT", alongwith 832.3 Sq.feet undivided share, right, title and interest in Property bearing Corporation No.3, (old No.2A), situated at Artillery Road, in Corporation Ward No.75(114), Bangalore, PID No.75-61-3, totally measuring 5851.23 Sq.feet and bounded on the
East by : Private Property;
West by : Ferndale Apartments;
North by : Private Property;
South by : 25 feet Road.
from its owner M/s.ZAG CONSTRUCTIONS LLP., Represented by its Partner, Mr. ANEES ALNASIR GILLANI
Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.
Prashanth Vijayalakshmi & Associates, Advocates
No.162, 1st Floor, Above Venkateshwara Mobile Store, Next Kanthi Sweets, 2nd Main Kasturinagar, Bangalore–43.
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ROBERT H SCHULLER

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sushil G. Narang S/o Shri. G.D. Narang,** Aged about 50 years, Residing at No.11/1-2, 3rd Cross, Nandidurga Road, Bangalore-560046, has during Transit misplaced/ Lost the original sale deed dated 15.04.1981, registered as Document No.211/1981-82, registered at Head Quarter Sub-registrar, Bangalore, Gandhinagar.
A police Complaint is lodged in No.1187304/ 2024 in that regard. Anybody finding it may be handed over to the undersigned **within 10 days** if this notice. A suitable reward would be given to the finder.
Finders Please Contact
Kiran Kumar.H.S , Advocate
No.22, 2nd floor, 1st Main, 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar Bangalore 560 079, Ph. 9900215841,
E-mail: kiran_halnur@yahoo.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE
The notice is hereby given to public that Sri.Sohan Lal is intending to purchase and mortgage the schedule property and avail loan from Piramal Capital Housing Finance. If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.
SCHEDULE :
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.60, Khatha No.49/2/60, out of Property No.49/2, Situated at Lakshmi Sagar, Mahadevapura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, previously Mahadevapura CMC limits, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP limits, Bangalore, measuring 40 ft x 30 ft, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft, along with constructed house consisting of Ground floor measuring 600 sq.ft., First floor measuring 1100 sq.ft., Second floor measuring 1100 sq.ft, and Third floor measuring 1100 sq.ft, and bounded on the: East by - Site No.61, West by- Road, North by - Site No.58, and South by- Site No.62.
V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out House, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 10.08.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSO EVER IT MAY CONCERN
My client **Sri Guru Raghavendra** is a co-owner of the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lodged a complaint dated 09.08.2024, before Bengaluru City Police through Online stating that, the documents pertaining to schedule property i.e, **a) Sale deed dated 22.01.1952 bearing No. 3642 of 1991-92, b) Sale deed dated 23.11.1955 bearing No. 3180/1955-56, c) Sale deed dated 5.12.1977 bearing No.2433 of 1977-78 and d) Sale deed dated 20.03.1978 bearing No.1109, Sale Certificate dated 28.10.1969, has been lost during Transit.**
If any person have any objections in respect to schedule property, you are required to submit the objections with proof with the undersigned within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
ITEM No.1: ALL that piece and parcel of the property now comes in the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits of property No.9, premises former No.16 & 16/1, 3rd Cross Journalist Colony, New Kalasipalyam Extension, Bangalore, situated in No.09, Journalist Colony, 3rd Cross, Sudhamanagar Ward No.118, Bangalore with PID No.48-71-9, measuring East to West: 25-0 Feet 6 inches, and North to South 40-0 feet, in all total measuring 1024 Square Feet along with commercial Building having ground and first floor and bounded on the: **East by :** Private property bearing No.25, Journalists Colony, **West by :** Premises No.8 formerly part of 16 & 16/1 purchased By the purchaser herein from Aktharunnisa Begum, **North by :** Premises bearing Old No.15, **South by :** Premises Old No.17.
ITEM No.2 : ALL that piece and parcel of the property now comes in the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits of property No.8, premises former No.16, 3rd Cross Journalist Colony, New Kalasipalyam Extension, Bangalore, situated in No.08, Journalist Colony, 3rd Cross, Sudhamanagar Ward No.118, Bangalore with PID No.48-71-8, measuring East to West: 34-0 Feet 6 inches, and North to South: 36-0 feet, in all total measuring 1245.6 Square Feet along with commercial Building having ground and first floor and bounded on the: **East by:** portion in the occupation of the purchasers herein, **West by:** III Cross Road, **North by :** Private Property and **South by:** 4 feet wide passage leading from III Cross Road to the Property situated to the East of the schedule Property No.8.
Details for filing objections:
B.S.Jeevan Kumar
NO.701, Queens Corner A, 3 Queens Road, Bengaluru-01, PH:09845120057, 08618564734.

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No.CA/15/2024/AE(PN)-1 Dated: 09/08/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Attention: General Public, All Municipalities, Development Authorities, Foreign Architects, Consultants, Govt. Departments and all concerned.
The Council of Architecture an autonomous statutory authority of Government of India set up under the Architects Act, 1972, is mandated to register qualified professionals as "Architects" and to regulate the standards of architectural education and profession in the country in order to safeguard the interest of the society.
The Act mandates that only a qualified person be registered as an "Architect" with the Council of Architecture and only he/she can use the title and style of "Architect" for carrying out the profession of an architect in India. An "Architect" is rigorously trained and groomed with special knowledge and skills to design buildings for comfort & life safety of the citizens duly complying Local development control regulations and various other laws & standards. An "Architect" is governed by Architects (Professional Conduct) Regulations, 1989 approved by Central Government and thus remains accountable for the professional services rendered by him/her.
In view of the above, general public and all concerned persons/ competent authorities are advised to avail the professional services of an "Architect" including designing buildings and getting statutory approvals from local authorities.
The registration status of the "Architect" may be verified from website **www.coa.gov.in** of the Council before appointing them.
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New Delhi **Registrar**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)
Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002
This notice is being issued in supersession of our previous notice served under section 13(4) of the Act i.e. the notice dated 06.06.2024. The said notice stands withdrawn hereby.
Whereas the authorized officer of Central Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule (3) of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the Borrower / Guarantor as detailed below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being due to our **Hosur Branch,** within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notices plus further interest, costs and charges thereon.

Name & Address of the Borrower & Guarantor : Borrowers : M/s.Sai Krishna Steel Industries, Represented by its Parnters Mr.M.Dilipkumar, S/o.V.Muthukrishnan and Mrs.V.N.Anitha, W/o.Mr.M.Dilipkumar

Demand Notice Date : 11.03.2024	Possession Taken Date : 05.08.2024

Outstanding Due : Rs.8,92,49,112/- (Rupees Eight Crore Ninety Two lakhs Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twelve only) (which represents the principal plus interest due on the 11.03.2024), less recoveries if any and plus interest and other charges from 12.03.2024

Description of the Immovable Property : Southern Portion of the Property bearing Khatha No. 50/46/9, as per BBMP records property No. 483/474/458/46/9/50, in Survey Nos. 46/9 and 46/10, New BBMP Khatha No. 483/474/458/46/9/50/1, Situated at Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently comes under BBMP, Ward No. 175, measuring East to West : 54+74/2 feet and North to South: 58 feet, Totally measuring an extent of 3712 Sq. ft. of land. Boundaries : East by Road, West by Rajakaluve and now Compound Wall, North by Remaining Portion of Same property belongs to Mr.D.Venkatesh, South by Property No. 37. **This Property Belongs to Mrs. V. Vyjayanthimala, W/o.Mr.K.Natarajan .**

The Borrowers / Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor in the scheduled security and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the above described property in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on the above mentioned dates.
The Borrowers / Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Central Bank of India, for the aforesaid amounts and interest and costs thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Date : 05.08.2024 **Authorised officer**
Place : Hosur **Central Bank of India**

KALABURAGI MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Fax No.08472/260776, Phone: 08472/ 278675, Email Id: itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com
No.KMP/HS/SWM/2023-24 Date : 09.08.2024

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::
Sub :- Kalaburagi City Corporation under General Fund have called the below Tenders in KPPP portal.
1) Work Details: 1. Estimation for Supply of Loaders , Drivers, Driver cum Operator and Cleaners for Solid Waste Management in Zone 1 of Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike on Outsource Basis for the year 2023-24 **Indent No.DMA/2023-24/SE2135/ Call-2** EMD Rs.681914/-, **2.** Estimation for Supply of Loaders , Drivers, Driver cum Operator and Cleaners for Solid Waste Management in Zone 2 of Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike on Outsource Basis for the year 2023-24 **Indent No.DMA/2023-24/SE2136/ Call-2** EMD.Rs.610891/-, **3.** Estimation for Supply of Loaders , Drivers, Driver cum Operator and Cleaners for Solid Waste Management in Zone 3 of Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike on Outsource Basis for the year 2023-24 **Indent No.DMA/2023-24/SE2137/ Call-2**, EMD.Rs.603085/-, **4.** Estimation for Supply of Loaders , Drivers, Driver cum Operator and Cleaners for Solid Waste Management in Other Vehicles of Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike on Outsource Basis for the year 2023-24 **Indent No.DMA/2023-24/SE2134 Call-2** EMD.Rs.440046/-
2) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications Date : **17.08.2024 Time : 5.00pm** 3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders Date : **09.09.2024 Time : 4.00pm**, 4) Last Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid Date : **10.09.2024 Time : 4.30pm**, 5) Last Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid Date : **12.09.2024 Time : 4.30pm**, 6) Pre Bid Meeting details Date : **19.08.2024 Timing : 12.00 PM** Place : Room No.10, Kalaburagi Mahanagar Palike, Tank Bound Road, Jagat Kalaburagi-585101, 7) Address to contact for more details: Assistant Executive Engineer (Environment) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi, 8) Website details : **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Assistant Executive Engineer (Env),
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/321/KSMC&A/2024-25

"Acting is the least mysterious of all crafts. Whenever we want something from somebody or when we want to pretend, we're acting. Most people do it all day long

Marlon Brando

DHAKA TO DURHAM: MISERY FUELS ANGST, MORPHS INTO HATE

THE THIRD EYE

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IT wasn't too long back that Bangladesh was portrayed as a grand success story. At the 50th anniversary of nationhood, pundits celebrated the rise of millions out of poverty in a nation challenged by history, geography and circumstance. Its per capita income hovered above that of India, fuelling antsy commentary. This week, Bangladesh surfaced in headlines for all the wrong reasons—corruption, quota politics, inflation, unemployment and inequality. The learning curve in democracy shows the limitations of an authoritarian occupation of narrative. Curbing dissent and neutering the opposition is effectively lighting a fuse for implosion. Everything that could go wrong went wrong in a democracy gone astray. In a little over 45 days, the headlines from Dhaka—of agitation, over 400 deaths and regime change, and images of protestors walking away with Sheikh Hasina's Dior bags—have upended the brand equity of Bangladesh.

Cut to Durham in the UK, over 7,900 km across time zones west of Dhaka. Durham witnessed cars used to devastate businesses. Twenty other UK cities also saw violent protests and hate crimes, triggering the biggest law and order crisis since 2011. Unlike Bangladesh, the UK, tagged an advanced economy, has a robust font of competitive politics. Barely six weeks after the Labour Party led by Keir Starmer won a historic majority, the nation is facing the spectre of a civil war.

A curious aspect of the chaos is the face-off between Elon Musk, who tweeted that a civil war was inevitable, and the UK prime minister warning those directly or remotely involved "you're culpable". Fuelling the incendiary anger are social media posts by ex-convicts and populists. The protests are brewing on a fertile ground of the belief of being neglected. Those seeking power are persuasive in presenting AN opinion, as THE opinion and research shows, in war or social strife, algorithms amplify polarisation and disinformation.

Anger is parading out on the streets. Tragically, those powerless to change their circumstance are being pitted by political entities to wage war on equally powerless people. The first step to resolution is acceptance of mistakes. Studies show that Brexit, which was sold as the cure for lost opportunities, made it worse following the loss of trade, investment and growth. Yet tragically, nobody wants to call out Brexit.

Beyond national politics, there is a global context fuelling protests. On the face of it, the UK and Bangladesh are two very different cultures, economies and democracies. In the 1970s, Arthur Okun, a professor at Yale and an adviser to Lyndon Johnson, came up with the concept of the 'Misery Index', which is arrived at by adding the annual unemployment rate and the annual inflation rate. The rise of misery is the common factor fuelling agitation and chaos.

Misery has a new moniker in modern economies—the cost of living crisis. Aggravation has catalysed political mobilisation—Carnegie Endowment's Global Protest Tracker reveals that since 2017, economic issues have triggered protests in 258 countries. In Bangladesh, misery morphed into anger at the persistence of entitlements for some at the cost of many. In the UK, misery has morphed into violent hate at those perceived to be robbing the "locals" of opportunities. Erosion of opportunity worsens inequality as the income gap is widened. Inequality is a complex issue and a force multiplier of angst. The phenomenon has spawned literature and indices inspired by literature such as the Great Gatsby Curve conceptualised by Alan Krueger, which illustrates the connection between concentration of wealth and barriers to opportunity and hurdles to upward mobility.

It is well established that the longer one performs below potential, the lower one drags long-term potential. Indeed, mentors of athletes and CXOs deploy the concept of a 'compound effect' elaborated by Darren Hardy and others to agitate protégées into achieving their potential. Long-term potential already impacted by uneven globalisation is challenged by global disruptions in business models, which threaten the resilience of nations and the prosperity of individuals.

The disruptive potential of generative AI is already in play—the IMF estimates that states over 40 percent of global employment is exposed to the impact of artificial intelligence. Digitalisation has shrunk human interface, especially in banking and retail. The next frontier is visible through the prism of the Ozempic economy—earlier this month, Weight Watchers of the weight loss programmes fame shed staff, Wendy's cut sales guidance as diner traffic declined, and retailers are rejigging procurement.

The global economy is migrating from a demand-constrained world to a supply-constrained one as companies, consumers and countries shift from the fossil fuel economy to a net zero regime. There is disruption in the media world too—the decline of linear television is visible in the write-offs of billions by mega corps such as Warner and Paramount, and the fall in Disney's earnings from the "happiest place on earth".

Context is critical for comprehension and policy design. The triad of disruptions—climate, technology and demography—fuel uncertainty. The rise in protectionism and reshoring of investments will aggravate faultlines and misery. Resilience calls for a rejig of policies from enabling skills to raising resources for income support. The question is how ready the countries are to mitigate pain, Globally, it would seem the political class is campaigning in one constituency and contesting in another.

KANGANA: NEW WEAPONISED SAFFRON WARRIOR

POWER & POLITICS

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THE mystery of Kangana Ranaut is that she is no mystery. To mutilate a Churchillian wisecrack, she is an enigma wrapped in a Sabyasachi sari, mysteriously accepted as a political novice-turned-moral police with her hugely popular social media handles. There are other women actors in politics, but the 38-year-old heroine of *Manikarnika* is a breed apart. She is not a damsel in distress, but a hardsell nonetheless. The style and substance her acerbic diatribes against those who oppose her ideology and her idol signals the arrival of a belligerent saffron warrior. Her persona subconsciously identifies with Jhansi *ki rani*, the warrior queen who went down fighting.

However, this Bollywood *rani* has no intention to go down, but only to fight. She aligned with the BJP six years ago, attracted by the uncompromising persona of her idol, Narendra Modi, who gave her a ticket to contest from Mandi in her home state this year. The cinematic queen defeating the son of the incumbent is a metaphor of her life: a successful outsider in both cinema and her party who is widely panned by the cognoscenti. She may not be a motor-mouth, but she is a much louder mouthpiece of the BJP than many of her party's first-term Lok Sabha members.

Kangana may not be accepted by the Bollywood royalty or the BJP's organisational hierarchy. But she definitely cannot be ignored. She has done 44 films, six of them superhits. Her last film *Tejas* was rejected by the audience: some theatre owners even cancelled the screenings because not a single ticket was sold. Now that she has switched roles, Kangana's ticket to glory is her idol Modi. "I've been the struggler of the century. Fortunately, everyone loves the underdog," she told an interviewer. What makes Kangana different from other film stars in parliament who reserve dramatic dialogues only for the silver screen? She launched blockbusters centred on strong but not silent women who triumph over patriarchy. Now she plays the perfect supporting actress for Modi's anti-elitist stance.

The bard wrote: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players; they have their exits and their entrances." Well, Kangana does know how to make an entrance. Her anti-Rahul Gandhi meltdowns are not only politically incorrect but are in bad taste. No star cast matters to her, but caste is the star. She retweeted a highly objectionable RG meme with the comment, "*Jaati-jivi jise bina jaati pooche jaati ganana karani hai* (One who wishes to hold a caste census without asking anyone's caste)." And on another occasion: "Rahul Gandhi has no dignity, yesterday he was saying that we are Shivji's *baraat* and this is a *chakravyuh*. I feel he should be tested if he is doing drugs. The way he reaches parliament and the way he speaks irrationally. Either he is drunk or under the influence of drugs whenever he reaches parliament. Nobody can make this kind of statement in their right mind." The last one was rich considering her rehab past.

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Her contempt for Bollywood's Tier I defines her anti-establishment profile. She has called Karan Johar the "flagbearer of nepotism" and a part of the "movie mafia". She has trolled her own industry for not backing her for slapping a woman cop. She called Urmila Matondkar "a soft-porn star", Sonam Kapoor a "mafia bimbo", and Swara Bhaskar and Richa Chadha "B-grade actresses". Kangana has cracked the code of today's political ethos: spew invective and get attention. Over 20 years ago she had claimed: "My biggest asset is that I know how to learn and I believe it will help me in the long run." And she ran—for parliament. Hers is an Indian cannonball run through cinema and politics.

After a series of humiliations by powerful film personalities, Kangana Amardeep Ranaut decided to be an A-grade actor in B-town. It should've been easy. She had more National Film Awards for best actress than tricks the snooty Bolly-dynasts' turned at parties she wouldn't be invited to. Mocked for her backwoods English accent and eviscerated on social media for her politics and gaffes, Kangana played the parvenu to the hilt—after all, she is an acclaimed actor. She chooses her own roles and her own script.

The only role she is currently playing is to win enough saffron Oscars to last a political lifetime. Politics is a great bulldozer. The high-profile tyro neta is on a spree of levelling Modi's enemies. She trashed Mamata Banerjee for appealing to Bengalis to maintain peace after the Bangladesh unrest and back Modi's decision: "Mamata *didi ko bhi* prime minister *ji ki yaad aayi*, finally *unhone apni* life *mein pehli baar* Bengal *ko* Bharat *ka hissa mana*, Centre *ko* support *kiya*. *Wah*! (Mamata didi too remembered the prime minister; she considered Bengal a part of Bharat for the first time, supported the Centre. Bravo!)"

To call India's only openly nationalist filmstar a brainless bimbo would be reading the wrong script. Her histrionics reveal someone with a keen eye for polarising debates by projecting narratives as Modi vs the World, and herself as BJP's Joan of Arc. By calling Netaji India's first PM, she was playing to the establishment gallery which has been booing the Nehru-Gandhi team.

She gives a Hindu spin to everything from diplomacy to politics. After Sheikh Hasina landed in India, Kangana boasted: "Bharat is the original motherland of all Islamic republics around us. We are honoured and flattered that honourable prime minister of Bangladesh feels safe in Bharat, but all those who live in India and keep asking why Hindu Rashtra. Why Ram Rajya? Well, it is evident why! No one is safe in Muslim countries, not even Muslims themselves. Unfortunate whatever is happening in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Britain. We are lucky to be living in Ram Rajya. Jai Shri Ram."

Evidently, Kangana doesn't want to waste her new avatar like her other filmi colleagues in parliament do. Hema Malini, Shabana Azmi and Jayalalithaa were conspicuous by their presence, and not for opinions on everything from potato to politics. She has defined her identity and the destination. However, she should be wary of becoming a hot potato in politics if rhetoric over substance is her plan of action. In politics as in films, Kangana is writing her own dialogues for a lethal oratorical arsenal to target her foes. But what's cooking in her political kitchen is anyone's guess.

A HOMECOMING FOR INDIAN INDIES

OPINION

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WHEN Bauddhayan Mukherji went to Kolkata from Mumbai in early July to supervise the release of his Bengali production, *Manikbabur Megh* (The Cloud and the Man), he told his colleagues at Little Lamb Films to expect him back in seven days. It's been six weeks and he has still not returned, happily overwhelmed by the steady, incremental success of his small, independent venture that few were willing to wager on.

It was released during the monsoons, not considered an opportune time for business. "But for a film about the bond between a man and a cloud, we wanted the audience to come out of the theatres and look up at the sky," says Mukherji. The gamble appears to have paid off.

The debut directorial of Abhinandan Banerjee, *Manikbabur Megh* is a rumination in black and white on seclusion and companionship, life and death, that boasts of neither big stars nor popular songs. Despite that, it completed an unprecedented 25-day run last Sunday with a 780-strong audience in attendance at Kolkata's Nandan theatre. This weekend, it opened in Pune and spread its wings to Chicago and Fremont in the US. The public love has come more than 2.5 years after its world premiere at Tallinn and subsequent screenings at 38 international film festivals.

It's a rare success story for a profound, meditative movie that bucks the dominant trend of Indian independent cinema not being able to find a passage back home despite garnering critical acclaim and awards abroad.

Indies have for the longest been deprived of a workable distribution and exhibition system that has always been risk-averse and heavily skewed towards mainstream commercial films. Even the OTT platforms are going back on their promise of diversified, independent content, and are demanding theatrical release of films before considering them for acquisition.

It's then necessary for indies to work out alternatives. And *Manibabur Megh* is not the only one. This independence day, a small gem from Meghalaya, Dominic Sangma's Garo film *Rapture*, on the issues of xenophobia and intolerance, is aiming for an unfettered run in theatres. It comes home a year after its world premiere in Locarno in August 2023 and a successful commercial release in France in May 2024.

Community-based ticketed screenings of the film are being personally organised in the Garo Hills in Meghalaya by Sangma and his producer, Eva Gunme Marak, hiring local auditoriums and projectors. There will be three daily shows in the initial phase spread over 10 days. Sangma is hoping to subsequently take it to Shillong and Guwahati.

Yet another young, talented filmmaker, Sumanth Bhat, also decided to take an unusual route to reach out to audiences for *Ekam*, a new anthology series in Kannada, Tulu and Malayalam languages that is deeply rooted in Karavali in coastal Karnataka and celebrates its culture. It went through 2.5 years of a trying process of reaching out to the streamers. "They didn't even watch it.

We bemoan independent films not finding an audience beyond foreign film festivals. Some new ventures show that the way out of this quagmire might be persistence. And in filmmakers spending more time and energy wooing niche viewers

Kannada content is the last in the pecking order on OTTs," says Bhat. So, the team decided to release the series on July 13 on its own exclusive online platform. "The idea is to build a democratic online distribution system beyond the existing modes," says Bhat. The ₹149 price provides unlimited access to all the seven shorts with bonuses. The idea is to "let no barriers remain between the creators and the audience".

Similarly, the fiercely feminist independent filmmaker Leena Manimekalai has also created her own video on demand channel where one can rent a curated set of her films.

Will these indie release models be replicable? Each indie film is unique and needs to have its own strategy in place. There must be an understanding of the core audience, finding the right niche and interested communities in viable pockets to then promote it.

Mukherji feels it's essential to tie up with a distributor or exhibitor, like he partnered with Inox, and have a limited, staggered release. Endorsements and support from influential voices and word of mouth promotion through social media are the key. There is also a need for boutique properties like Siri Fort auditorium in Delhi to serve the cause of alternative cinema.

The audience must also walk the talk. There might be a lot of curiosity around indies, but people aren't going to the theatres to watch them—at times because of inconvenient venues and showtimes, at others for too much else vying for their limited attention span. With established names like Rakshit Shetty and Raj B Shetty on board, the trailer of *Ekam* drew a lot of attention, but that didn't translate into a big viewership. Bhat feels the audience is not willing to pay anything more than ₹99 when it comes to the pay-per-view model.

So it appears that indie filmmakers will have to spend a lot of their time and energy wooing viewers. "It's no longer about filmmaking alone," says Sangma. It's about being cinema warriors and evangelists for building a whole new viewing culture.

QUOTE CORNER

We have to stand the way Abu Sayed stood... In Bangladesh, regardless of nationality or religion, everyone's child is Abu Sayed. Whether it is a Hindu family, a Muslim family, or a Buddhist family. So please ensure that there is no disturbance anywhere.

Muhammad Yunus, chief adviser to the interim Bangladesh government, on a student activist shot dead by the police on July 16

Wrestling won and I lost. My dreams are shattered. I don't have any more strength. Goodbye wrestling 2001-2024. I will always be indebted to you all. I am sorry.

Vinesh Phogat, first Indian women wrestler to win an Olympic semifinal, after being disqualified for the final for being marginally overweight

It's really kind of nuts. I am trying to think about the last time Senator Manchin and I, respectfully, were on the same side of an issue.

Alexandra Ocasio Cortez, US Congresswoman, on Kamala Harris's choice of running mate

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Politicising misstep

Ref: *Thorough probe must on how Vinesh was disqualified* (Aug 10). The editorial has rightly argued for a thorough probe on the disqualification of Vinesh. It appears there was negligence on the support staff's part. The incidence has now turned political with the opposition staging a walk-out from the Rajya Sabha, which was uncalled for. The prime minister has tried to console Vinesh and called her a "champion of champions". The Haryana government is treating her like a medallist. The matter should end there. But knowing our politicians, it is going to be a major issue for the forthcoming Haryana assembly elections.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Sports diplomacy

The bonhomie between Neeraj Chopra and Arshad Nadeem after a tough battle in Paris was heartening to watch. Sports have the capacity to transcend borders and reconcile hostilities. It is time for India to make use of sports diplomacy to lower friction and enhance relationships in the neighbourhood in such a tumultuous time. This will embolden India's commitment to the Neighbourhood First policy and cater to national interest.

M Rishidev, Dindigul

Supply-side economics

Ref: *Why not to focus on trickle-down economics* (Aug 10). I read K M Chandrasekhar's write-up with keen interest. The last two paragraphs are a warning signal for a further erosion of support base for this adamant, "I know all" BJP-led government. Maybe god is working according to a grand design to restore our heterogeneous social fabric. This budget reflects that this central government is for the rich, by the rich and of the rich.

Subramanian Anantharaman, Chennai

Towards Valhalla

The 'Valhalla' to be attained in 2047 needs to take into account many course corrections based on expected and unexpected national and global situational sequences. Like that, trickle-down economics is not an overnight phenomenon, but a gradual process built into economic activities. Extended credit guarantee to smaller enterprises and higher Mudra loan limits will help the effect to a great deal. However, the columnist's grouse about inadequate allocations for R&D, education and health is genuine and worth taking cognisance of.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Creamy layer

I am not surprised with the Modi government's decision to avoid recognising a creamy layer for SCs and STs. It was not Ambedkar's idea to protect the creamy layer, which is why he added a clause in the Constitution that the classification should be reviewed from time to time. The creamy layer must be added at the earliest, as there are general quota students who are more deserving than creamy layer ones. The recent elections were a boon for representation, but a bane for development.

Sujit Ravva, email

Banking votes

The Supreme Court's call to carve out a creamy layer was a ray of hope for the downtrodden among SCs and STs. The government's decision has thrown cold water on their hopes. The decision is more political than societal, as the government knows enthusing the privileged is more important than uplifting the non-creamy layers who are less sure of casting votes. They will have to wait for a statesman to come to the helm to enjoy their shares.

Ramesan P, Keralapuram

Audit benefits

Ref: *Kerala HC emphasises need for ecological auditing* (Aug 10). Incorporating ecological audits into organisational processes is the need of the hour. Such audits not only help companies to steer clear of penalties and legal consequences, but also allow them to build favourable public images. Risk management is another key benefit. It is important to make ecological audit reports a prerequisite for all detailed project reports for ecologically vulnerable areas.

N R Jagannath, Bengaluru

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
...Those who have kept their mouths shut, have done so because they know that the Hindus of Bangladesh will not vote for them.

Pawan Khera @Pawankhera
Despite a troubling decline in MGNREGS funds to states/UTs since 2020, the decision to allocate zero rupees to Manipur in 2023-24 should shock the conscience of the nation.

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
The basis of reservation was not the economic development of any community. It was to eradicate untouchability that has been prevalent in the society for thousands of years.

India to fund 28 water projects in Maldives

In a first high-level visit to Male after Muizzu took charge, Jaishankar conveys greetings from PM Modi

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

EAM Jaishankar plants a star fruit sapling along with Maldives foreign minister Moosa Zameer, in Male's Lonuziyaaraiy Park | PTI

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar met Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu in Male on Saturday and emphasized that ties with the country would be strengthened.

"It was a privilege to call on President Muizzu and I conveyed greetings on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. We are committed to deepening ties with the Maldives for the benefit of our people and the region," said Jaishankar in Male.

At the President's Office in the Maldives, the two witnessed a virtual inauguration and handing over of the Water and Sanitation Projects in 28 islands, commissioned under the Indian Line of Credit.

"It was a pleasure to meet Dr Jaishankar and join him in the official handover of water and sewerage projects in 28 islands of Maldives. I thank the Indian government and PM Modi for always supporting the Maldives. Our partnership continues to be strong, bringing our nations closer through cooperation in security, development and cultural exchange. Together we build a brighter, more prosperous future for the region," said President Muizzu.

India is supporting the Maldives in health, education, large infrastructure development, defence, maritime, agriculture, banking and adapting for climate resilience. "It is our endeavour to expand this list as we move forward and harness our multifaceted partnership to realise the aspirations of our people," he said.

India has given a mix of grants, loans, budgetary support, capacity building and training assistance to the Maldives. Many of these projects are being realised on the ground, delivering tangible benefits to common people.

"India-Maldives development cooperation embodies the motto of our partnership – 'Imagined by Maldives, Delivered by India'. It will be our endeavour to harness this defining feature of our relationship and scale greater heights. I hope with your guidance and encouragement, our joint efforts, our joint activities and our shared vision will form an important milestone in the journey of our two nations together," said Jaishankar.

Meanwhile, in a bid to enable people across the Maldives access fresh water, India has provided them with low-cost solutions. "It has been our objective to provide ecologically sustainable low-cost solutions to our development partners so that they are not only able to access potable water but also have the capability to treat sewage, thereby, protecting the delicate ecology of these islands and atolls," Jaishankar added.

This project has brought safe drinking water to 32 islands and introduced sewerage in 17 islands and has directly impacted the lives of 28,000 Maldivians. Under this project, latest technologies have been used to provide clean drinking water and safe sewerage disposal. In addition, the buildings are also equipped with solar energy providing support to the island grids. With a total funding of a $110 million, this is the largest climate adaptation implemented in the Maldives with international collaboration.

"It is also significant to note that the completion of this project has supplemented the Maldives' endeavours in reaching its sustainable development goals by establishing climate resilient and cost-effective water and sewerage systems," Jaishankar said.

"I am sure this will go a long way in improving the lives of the women who bear the primary burden of fetching clean water," Jaishankar said.

His visit, the first high-level trip from India, is aimed at resetting the bilateral relationship after pro-China President Mohammad Muizzu assumed office last year.

According to the Indian embassy in Maldives, the Indian expatriate community in the country has an approximate strength of 27,000. They have a strong presence in the health and education sector. There are Indian unskilled workers and most of them are engaged in the construction sector.

VINESH PHOGAT

A FEW GRAMS OF DESPAIR

INDRANEEL DAS

A COUNTRY'S success at the Olympics is always measured in medals. India have six so far, not exactly the best effort from a contingent that had been expected to break into double figures for the first time. Only one of them is a silver—Neeraj Chopra won that in the men's Javelin throw event as a follow-up to his gold in Tokyo. That achievement, which came almost a week after the shooters had ended up with three bronze medals, put Neeraj where no other Indian had gone before.

India's love affair with hockey continued at the Yves de Manoir stadium, an iconic venue that had staged Olympic events a century ago in 1924. The team's passion was on display when they beat Spain to win the bronze. India's custodian PR Sreejesh, arguably the best goalkeeper of his generation, ended his career with that feat and walked into the annals of history.

One more medal was added when Aman Sehrawat, a Chhatrasal prodigy won a bronze in wrestling. That was India's sixth medal. Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh and Swapnil Kusale's three shooting medals seemed like they had come a long time ago.

Yet all the talk was about the medal that never came. Being overweight is arguably a common topic of discussion in most Indian households. But here the margin was a mere 100gm, as much as a medium-sized apple, a cup of peanuts or a piece of butter. That was what stood between Vinesh Phogat and making weight for the final of the women's 50kg wrestling event. It was less than a third of the 529gm that the gold she stood to win weighed.

The misfortune that befell Vinesh, and by extension the entire country, became the central narrative of India's Games. The matter has now landed in front of the Court of Arbitration of Sports.

Vinesh is an icon, both on and off the mat. Her victories over the years had made her a household name, but she seared herself into the national psyche after being dragged off the roads of Delhi, when protesting against one of the most powerful administrators in Indian sports — the former Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. She was standing up for her fellow female wrestlers, who had levelled charges of sexual harassment against him.

Vinesh is an interesting person with her own set of idiosyncrasies. She comes across as a person who would say things right to someone's face. She doesn't take anything lying low. Even wrestling officials are scared of her lest she castigates them. She is every bit the tiger off the mat, as she is on it.

This Olympics was quite the roller-coaster ride for her, albeit a tragically anti-climactic one. The tough draw that she was handed prompted groans of despair from all quarters. When she found herself up against Japan's Yui Susaki, the wrestler who had not lost a bout in her professional career, no one gave her a chance. Like the most popular rendition of an opera, she emerged from that battle victorious, turning all those groans into cries of delight. Hope for a gold—an Indian woman is yet to win one at the Olympics—soared when she won two more bouts and entered the final, looking unstoppable. Yet, where her fellow wrestlers had failed, fate succeeded.

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Vinesh is no longer that old Vinesh. Months of struggle on the streets of Delhi, through the cold and the heat, sleeping on the pavements before transitioning to a brutal training regimen to make it in time for the Olympics, have all taken a heavy toll on her. Through the sleepless nights, and the pain, both physical and mental, she has matured. At 29, she comes across as a lot older, a lot wiser and a lot more worn down. She has been through a lot more than most people will face in their entire life. So when she announced her decision to quit the sport after her Tokyo heartbreak, that came across as unfair. She should have been standing here, basked in the adulation of a grateful nation, not cloaked in despair and throwing in the towel.

But even in her moment of tragedy, she has stirred up a debate that has transcended borders. A good part of the wrestling fraternity is firmly in Vinesh's corner with many opining that the second day weigh-in should have weight concessions.

That is what Vinesh is capable of— stirring up emotions and ushering in change. They may be able to deny her a medal. But they cannot change who she is.

Somanathan to replace Rajeev Gauba as cabinet secretary this month-end

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE government on Saturday named Finance Secretary **TV Somanathan** as the new cabinet secretary for a two-year tenure. He will succeed Rajeev Gauba, who completes his five-year term for the top bureaucratic post this month-end.

Somanathan's appointment will come into effect from August 30. The new appointee is an IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre and currently works as the Union Finance Secretary and Secretary, Expenditure.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet issued a notification announcing the new assignment of Somanathan. The official communiqué says that Somanathan has also been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the cabinet secretariat from the date he joins the assignment till he takes over as Cabinet Secretary.

Rajiv Gauba was appointed to this coveted post for five years on August 30 in 2019.

Regarded as a sharp and upright officer, Somanathan also served previously as joint secretary in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs from 2010-11 and thereafter as joint secretary and additional secretary to the Prime Minister from 2015 to 2017 in the Modi government.

He also served in several prestigious posts in the Tamil Nadu government. He had worked as deputy secretary (Budget), joint vigilance commissioner, executive director Metro-water, secretary to Chief Minister, and other posts, including commissioner of commercial taxes.

His contribution in achieving financial closure and awarding the initial tenders for implementing the ₹14,600 crore Chennai Metro Rail Project is still known as an example of his brilliant administrative skills. He also worked as director, corporate affairs at the World Bank in Washington.

"Administrative excellence apart, he has an innate ability to take quick decisions on any serious issue," remarked a senior government official.

Somanathan completed his PhD in economics from Calcutta University.

SC seeks govt reply on plea for muscular dystrophy care

SUCHITRA K MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has granted two weeks' time to the Additional Solicitor General (ASG), senior law officer of the Centre, to get more clarity on the status of a petition pending before the Delhi High Court regarding muscular dystrophy.

Around 250 petitioners, primarily parents of children suffering from muscular dystrophy, had moved SC seeking a policy for free treatment.

The petitions sought a direction to the Centre to classify muscular dystrophy under "special category rare disease" instead of "rare disease" and enhance financial support for the patients under the National Policy for Rare Diseases, 2021.

The bench of CJI DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra was hearing the batch of petitions seeking a national programme for the treatment of children with muscular dystrophy.

The 250 petitoners were represented by lawyer Utsav Singh Bains. The SC allowed the request of the ASG who sought more time to apprise the court on the developments. "The request of Aishwarya Bhati, ASG, is to list the plea on August 27, 2024. The Union of India shall file a counter affidavit in the meantime," the SC said.

RSS weekly reignites debate on caste system, calls it 'unifying factor'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AT a time when the BJP is opposed to the caste census being demanded by the Opposition, an editorial appearing in the latest issue of RSS weekly *Panchjanya* has reignited a debate.

The editorial appears to defend the caste system, stating that it is a "unifying factor" of Indian society. Written by its editor Hitesh Shankar, the article argues that while the Mughals and missionaries criticized the caste system, seeing it as an obstacle to their goals, the British adopted this criticism as part of their "divide and rule" strategy. It sounds affirmative in its claim that the caste system was essential for maintaining the social order and that it played a crucial role in preserving India's identity against invasions.

"If India and its self-respect is to be broken, then first break the unifying factor of the caste system by calling it a constraint," says the article.

The editorial comes at a time when discussions are on amid demands for the caste census across the country.

The RSS has always been opposed to caste discrimination, arguing strongly for reservations for the marginalised communities. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has repeatedly asserted that caste discrimination must be eradicated. He has backed reservations, if needed, for another 200 years.

The editorial lambasts the Congress for its advocacy for a caste census. "The question of is: what is the caste of Hindustan? The answer, on the basis of society and history, it is Hindu! However, when the country asks the Congress about its caste, then whose ancestor's name will come in first: East India Company or AO Hume."

"So, it was a strange situation for Rahul Gandhi, who was silent on his caste and vocal about the caste of the people of the country. In fact, the question of caste is such that politics has interpreted it in its own way," it says.

A controversy erupted recently following BJP MP Anurag Thakur's comments on Gandhi's caste in Parliament.

The editorial says, "In the form of caste, the Indian society understood one simple thing: betraying one's caste was betrayal of the nation. The missionaries understood this unifying equation of India better than the Mughals."

Centre launches campaign to eliminate elephantiasis, targets 6 endemic districts

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Saturday launched a nationwide drug administration campaign to eliminate lymphatic filariasis, the world's second leading cause of long-term disability.

The aim is to target 771 blocks in six endemic districts across Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Odisha, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

India aims to eliminate this parasitic disease — also known as elephantiasis, and affects the lymph nodes and lymph vessels — by 2027, three years ahead of the global target.

Under the campaign, door-to-door administration of preventive medications will be carried out in endemic areas.

Launching the second phase of the bi-annual nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) virtually, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prataprao Ganpatrao Jadhav, said that India is making efforts to develop a vaccine for lymphatic filariasis, a mosquito-borne disease.

"Lymphatic filariasis, a mosquito-borne disease, is preventable through simple measures. Therefore, the Mass Drug Administration rounds are crucial in halting its transmission," he said.

The meeting was also attended by state health ministers of Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

Reaffirming the government's unwavering commitment to public health, Jadhav said, "Preventive measures such as avoiding mosquito bites and consuming anti-filarial medicines are key to stopping the transmission of lymphatic filariasis, which affects populations across 20 states and Union Territories in India."

Mosquito-borne disease

According to officials, lymphatic filariasis is a priority disease that is targeted for elimination by 2027. It is currently reported in 345 districts across 20 states and UTs, with 90% of the disease burden contributed by eight states, namely Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Bangla crisis: Bhilwara's yarn mills grind to a halt

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE political mess in Bangladesh has created a massive crisis for the textile industry in Rajasthan's Bhilwara district. For years, Bhilwara has exported 50 per cent of its yarn and denim to Bangladesh, but now it is facing severe disruptions due to recent tensions in that country. The total export value of these goods is estimated at around ₹2,000 crore per year.

"Yarn and denim worth ₹150-200 crore were exported to Bangladesh from Bhilwara every month. This has suddenly ceased. Bhilwara's industry is in crisis because the demand for cloth has significantly reduced. Although Bangladeshi buyers have not cancelled their orders, local producers have stopped production due to the uncertainty surrounding payments," RK Jain, general secretary of the Mewar Chamber of Commerce, the largest industrial organisation in Southern Rajasthan, said.

BHILWARA TEXTILE INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

13 spinning mills | **20** processing mills | **350** weaving mills (includes mills and industrial units)

50 TFOs and readymade plants (operate under the 5-day rule)

Tech: Spinning, weaving and processing units are equipped with advanced machinery

EMPLOYMENT

65,000 workers (direct employment)

1,50,000 persons (indirectly employed)

Bhilwara is home to 450 weaving, 18 processing, 20 spinning, and 10 denim industries, which employ over 65,000 people directly and about 1,50,000 workers indirectly. The current crisis threatens the livelihoods of these workers due to the halted production and sharply decreased demand.

Bangladesh's textile industry, one of the largest in the world, exports textiles to various countries, including Europe and the US. Amid the crisis there, some entrepreneurs believe that if India can capture 10 per cent of Bangladesh's textile orders, it could provide a substantial boost to its textile sector.

Experts suggest that if the crisis in Bangladesh persists, India may need to seek alternative markets for its exports. Observers believe that the short-term jolt to units in Bhilwara is severe but if India is able to encash this opportunity and make a significant breakthrough in markets that Bangladesh normally caters to, its textile sector could end up with long-term gains from this sudden crisis.

FORGERY

A builder-developer was booked by Mumbai Police for allegedly using forged documents to stake his claim to 71 flats/offices in a project in Bhandup and cheating his partners of ₹13.65 crore, a police officer said on Saturday.

135 ROADS IN HIMACHAL CLOSED DUE TO HEAVY RAINS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	27	Mumbai	28	26
Bhopal	32	24	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	35	28	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	39	29	Lucknow	36	29
Chennai	35	28	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	28	23
Srinagar	33	16	Chandigarh	35	19

Rape, murder of doctor in hosp triggers massive stir

Kolkata cops say a suspect held for killing the 2nd-year PG student

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

THE medical fraternity in West Bengal expressed its outrage a day after a woman medico was brutally raped and murdered at a state government-run hospital in Kolkata. Patient services across the state were disrupted on Saturday as junior doctors persisted with their protest and stayed away from work.

The police said one suspect has been arrested in the case and claimed to have recovered a torn part of a Bluetooth earphone which, the police said, led to the suspect. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to probe the crime. The body of the victim was found at the seminar room of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on Friday. The initial four-page autopsy report said the woman was sexually assaulted and then murdered.

The deceased, a second-year student of the chest medicine department, was on duty on Thursday night. Her father alleged that efforts were on to "hide the truth."

Medical students held rallies in the state capital, condemning the incident and demanding adequate security in all hospitals.

A hospital doctor said, "She had dinner with her juniors around 2 am. She then went to the seminar room since there is no separate on-call restroom. In the morning, we found her body there."

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asserted that the state government would seek the death penalty for the culprit. She said she has asked the officials to ensure that the case be tried in a fast-track court. She also called the students' protests as justified. "I accept the demands being raised by junior doctors," she said, adding if there was a demand for a CBI probe, she would not oppose it.

Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal also made similar statements saying the force will ensure the accused in the case gets the highest punishment if he is found guilty.

"This is not a case of suicide. The woman was murdered following a sexual assault," said a senior police officer.

"There was bleeding from her eyes and mouth, and the face had injuries marks. The victim was also bleeding from her private parts. She also had injury marks in her belly, left leg, neck, in her right hand, ring finger and lips," the autopsy report said.

Mamata supports demand for death penalty

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JUSTICE SHINDE

Extension for panel to look into Maratha quota

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government on Saturday extended the term of the Sandeep Shinde committee till December 31, 2024, enabling it to scrutinize records for the reservation in jobs for the Maratha-Kunbi community.

The MahaYuti alliance dispensation issued a government resolution (GR) extending the deadline to the committee.

The committee will have to submit its report after the state assembly elections due in October. The committee was formed on September 7, 2023.

This is not the first time the Shinde committee has got an extension to submit its report. Earlier it was extended for two months this year.

The committee will require two more months now as it has to visit Hyderabad to obtain Nizam-era records and also check archeological records in Maharashtra.

In response to quota activist Manoj Jarange's demand that Marathas should be given Kunbi caste certificates (so that they can avail of OBC quota), the government had said those Marathas who can produce old records where they or their ancestors are identified as Kunbi-Maratha shall be issued such certificates.

Numerical grading in appraisal forms of Himachal officers

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

HIMACHAL Pradesh's Class I and Class II officers, including those of IAS, will get numerical grading in their annual performance appraisal report (APAR) system.

"The reforms aim to enhance accountability and transparency by linking officers' evaluations directly to their work outputs," Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said.

"From now on, all officers, including administrative secretaries and deputy commissioners posted in districts, will be evaluated solely on their performance for their APARs. The traditional descriptive categories, such as 'outstanding', 'very good', 'good', and 'average', will be replaced with a numerical grading scale," he said, adding that officers will be assessed based on key indicators: accomplishment of their annual work plan, other work-related attributes, and personal and functional attributes.

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The chief minister said that these changes were designed to ensure a fair and objective evaluation process, particularly for field-level officers whose performance would be closely tied to meeting quantitative targets. "Higher management officers would continue to be assessed on qualitative aspects and personal attributes," he said.

Sukhu said that these reforms were a crucial step toward strengthening governance and would further enhance the accountability within the state administration. Sukhu highlighted introduction of transparency as a key feature, noting that officers would receive their finalised evaluations which would foster professional development in their work performances. The APAR process will be online with December 31 as the deadline for submission.

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Abhishek Banerjee holds meet in his constituency

After the results of the Lok Sabha election TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Saturday went to his constituency in Diamond Harbour and held a long meeting with his party cadres. This is the first time he is visiting Diamond Harbour after his record margin victory from the constituency. Sources within TMC said Banerjee may send a strong message that accountability will be fixed if people face any difficulties in availing the benefits of various development schemes due to the apathy of any individual or schemes due to the apathy of any individual or any section in the administration.

Mamata restrains party from commenting

With the ongoing tension in Bangladesh, chief minister Mamata Banerjee restrained all political parties from making provocative statements on the issue. Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari on Tuesday had said that around one crore Hindu refugees will come to West Bengal. "I urge the Governor and CM of WB to be prepared, consult central government. As the CAA states, our country will provide refuge to religiously persecuted Hindus." This triggered uproar in TMC as they claimed that BJP is trying to disturb the communal harmony of the state.

Rare bonhomie between Mamata and LoP

In a rare moment of political bonhomie in the West Bengal Assembly, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday agreed to her estranged lieutenant and BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari's suggestions as the ruling Trinamool Congress and Opposition BJP unanimously backed a resolution for the unity of the state. In fact, Banerjee said she would visit the LoP's home for tea if invited. The resolution against efforts to divide Bengal was moved by Education Minister Bratya Basu after a proposal by Bengal BJP chief Sukanta Majumdar to bring north Bengal under the Development minsitry of North Eastern Region.

Harish Rawat to fast against govt 'inaction'

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

UTTARAKHAND politics has intensified as Congress leader Harish Rawat announced a fast during the three-day monsoon session of the state assembly in Gairsain, the summer capital, starting August 21.

Rawat, a former Chief Minister, will sit on a fast in Gairsain on the same day, protesting the lack of development in the region. The septuagenarian claims he will travel to Gairsain to find 'signs indicating the way' to the summer capital, highlighting the government's failure to develop the area.

In an exclusive interview with this daily, the former CM took a dig at the BJP government, saying, "Merely putting up hoardings and building structures doesn't make a place a capital. The mindset of the government's MLAs should also be in favor of holding sessions in Gairsain."

Rawat added, "If they can even tell me the address of a single government office related to Gairsain or even a peon working in there, I will start believing in BJP's intentions."

BJP's 'Tiranga Yatra' to counter Cong 'Nyay Yatra' in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A day after the Congress launched its 'Nyaya Yatra' in Gujarat, the BJP kicked off its 'Tiranga Yatra' from Rajkot on Saturday, heating up the political scene in the state.

BJP national President **JP Nadda**, Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel attended the flag-off ceremony. Lashing out at the Congress, Nadda said, "The nation will forever honour Sardar Patel's monumental role in our freedom struggle. However, Congress leaders seem to view history through the lens of just one family."

He added, "Many great figures, including Chandrashekhar Azad, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Subhash Chandra Bose, made immense sacrifices for our freedom, yet Congress remembers only one family. The youth and people of this country will reveal the truth to those who masquerade as patriots, viewing the nation through a political lens and dividing society for their own gain."

Nadda appealed to the youth to take a pledge to make their contribution to realise the dream of a developed India by 2047 as envisioned by PM.

"When we go ahead with Tiranga Yatra, we must take a pledge to take our Gujarat, our country forward and contribute to make it a developed India. The true soul and motive and true celebration of Tiranga Yatra will be when we achieve the pledge of a developed India," he said.

Analysts say Gujarat is witnessing a resurgence of yatras as a political strategy after many years. Congress is using its Nyaya Yatra to bolster its political influence by seeking justice for victims of recent tragedies. The BJP aims to undermine Congress's political dominance by promoting nationalism through its yatra.

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Cong campaign against price rise, crime against women in UP

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN a bid to corner Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government in Uttar Pradesh over issues, including unemployment, price rise and crime against women, the state unit of the Congress is contemplating a statewide outreach programme encompassing street plays, night camps in villages and "prabhat pheris".

The party unit under UPCC chief Ajay Rai plans to roll out the campaign from Independence Day. A decision regarding the initiative was taken after a meeting of senior office-bearers recently, which was convened by Rai for feedback and suggestions about how to maintain the momentum of the anti-BJP sentiment gained during the recent Lok Sabha elections. Party insiders claimed that while party's main wing would organise night camps and "Prabhat Pheri" events, the cultural wing would arrange for "nukkad meetings".

As per the UPCC chief, the main wing of the UPCC would take out "Prabhat Pheris while reciting "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram" and raise awareness about pressing issues from which the government had been trying to divert attention.

He added that the issues like unemployment, crime against women, price rise were hitting the people's life at the grassroots level. "We will expose the state government on these issues," said the UPCC chief.

Meanwhile, to counter the BJP over Ayodhya rape case involving an SP leader as main accused, the Congress is planning to target the ruling party on a recent incident in Hardoi alleging that a BJP leader was found involved in the crime in which the eyes of the victim were allegedly damaged.

The Congress is also looking to corner the ruling party for being "biased" in taking action in certain cases, sources said.

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1.92L Indians visited Kartarpur in 3 yrs: Data

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

RISE IN PILGRIM TURNOUT

In 2021, as many as 10,025 devotees from India visited the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan through the Kartarpur Sahib corridor which rose to 86,097 in 2022 and 96,555 in 2023. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartarpur Sahib corridor on November 9, 2019.

AROUND 1.92 lakh devotees from India visited Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan through the Kartarpur Sahib corridor in the past three years, the Rajya Sabha was informed recently. Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh gave the information on Thursday in response to a question by AAP MP from Punjab Raghav Chadha.

Singh said that in 2021 a total of 10,025 devotees from India visited the gurdwara through the corridor which grew to 86,097 in 2022 and further to 96,555 in 2023. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartarpur Sahib corridor on November 9, 2019. After becoming functional, the corridor remained closed during Covid-19 pandemic and reopened after a gap of one-and-a-half years in November 2021. Thus, the corridor, which had received widespread national and international acclaim when it was conceptualised and opened, failed the meet the expectation.

Notably, on October 24, 2019, a bilateral agreement was signed between India and Pakistan on Kartarpur Sahib Corridor mandating pilgrims to travel on a valid passport. The Centre had received representations to make the visit passport-free and not to levy service fee of US$20 on devotees. The minister said that India has consistently urged the Pakistan government not to levy any fee or charge the pilgrims, but to no avail.

Sources said that both the governments had imposed certain conditions that impede the free movement of pilgrims as Pakistan has imposed a service fee of US$20 per devotee visiting the gurdwara in the neighbouring country and India has made passport mandatory. The passport requirement irked the Sikh clergy.

Also, many delegations of Sikhs have requested the central government to take the issue of abolishing the US$20 fee charged by Pakistan with them. Sources further pointed out that Pakistan had finally completed the 420-metre-long bridge at the Kartarpur Corridor zero line after a delay of two-and-a-half years. Earlier, flooding incidents had disrupted devotees' movements to the Kartarpur Sahib.

The 4-km-long Kartarpur corridor links Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan, the final resting place of first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev, with the Dera Baba Nanak in the Gurdaspur district of Punjab in India.

As per the agreement between Indian and Pakistan, the neighbouring country was to allow 5,000 Indian pilgrims daily to visit the gurdwara, but the actual number of pilgrims visiting the gurdwara via the corridor is very less, only a few hundred per day.

The fully air-conditioned state-of-the-art passenger terminal building near Dera Baba Nanak, has over 50 immigration counters.

Yet another bridge collapses in Bihar, this time in Tejashwi's Vaishali dist

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THERE seems no end to the incidents of bridge collapse in Bihar as a small bridge fell down in Vaishali district. It is the 15th incident of bridge collapse in Bihar since June this year. The brick bridge, built around 20 years ago, is near a plus 2 school under former deputy chief minister and Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's assembly constituency in Vaiashali district late night on Friday.

Ironically, the bridge was built when Tejashwi's mother mother Rabri Devi was the chief minister of the state. A senior district administrative official claimed that the bridge was washed away by the strong current of Ganga river as the river was in spate following heavy showers in the area in the last few days.

Local residents said that the bridge collapsed around 11 pm on Friday, snapping communication between Raghopur East and Raghopur West panchayats. They said that the bridge was constructed nearly 20 years ago but it became completely dilapidated over a period of time. As a precautionary measure, the movement of heavy vehicles on the bridge has been banned.

Due to the collapse of the bridge, around 20,000 people of two panchayats under Raghopur assembly constituency have lost connectivity with the block and the district headquarters. They have sought immediate intervention of the state government to make alternative arrangement to restore communication.

"We have also informed our MLA Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's representative and officials of the district administration. However, nothing has been done in this regard so far," said a visibly upset Vinod Yadav, a resident of Raghopur East. On July 29, Supreme Court issued notice to the Bihar government on a petition seeking to issue directions to the state government to conduct the highest level of structural audit of all existing and under-construction bridges in the state and to demolish or retrofit weak structures depending on feasibility in the wake of the collapse of bridges in the state.

On Thursday, a portion of bridge constructed over Ganga river collapsed at Bakia Sukhay in Katihar district. The bridge was being constructed at a cost of ₹3 crore by the rural works department. Two pillars of the bridge were washed away due to increased flow of river water. Earlier, reports of bridge collapse poured in from Kishanganj, Araria, East Champaran, West Champaran, Saran, Siwan and Gopalganj.

151 from Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority may have been killed this week in a drone attack

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	32	24	SNY	Los Angeles	31	18	LC
Colombo	29	26	TDS	Melbourne	21	12	LR
Dhaka	31	27	TDS	Moscow	19	13	HR
Dubai	41	43	SNY	New York	28	19	SNY
Houston	36	26	TDS	Singapore	30	27	TDS
Istanbul	33	24	LC	Toronto	22	16	LC
London	27	18	LC	Washington	29	18	LC

Rescuers say 93 dead in Israeli strike

Hamas militants were active in Islamic school hit in Gaza City: Israel

GAZA CITY

RESCUERS in Gaza said an Israeli air strike on a religious school housing displaced Palestinians killed 93 people on Saturday, as Israel's military accused militants of basing themselves there.

AFP could not independently verify the toll which, if confirmed, would appear to be one of the largest from a single strike during 10 months of war between Israel and Hamas Palestinian militants. The Israeli military said at least 19 Palestinian militants were killed.

Hamas denounced the "dangerous escalation" in north Gaza, which came after international mediators invited the warring sides to resume next Thursday talks towards a long-sought ceasefire and hostage-release deal.

Jordan's foreign ministry said the timing was an indication of Israel's efforts to "obstruct and thwart" the peace push. Qatar, called for an "urgent international investigation" into strikes.

Civil defence rescuers in the Hamas-ruled territory said three Israeli missiles hit Al-Tabieen religious school in Gaza City while people performed dawn prayers. "Their bodies were torn apart," civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal told AFP. "It reminds us of the first days of the war in the Gaza Strip."

People inspect damages at a school hit in an Israeli strike in Gaza on Saturday | AFP

With nearly all of Gaza's 2.4 million people displaced during the war started by Hamas's Oct 7 attack on Israel, many have sought refuge in school buildings, which have been hit at least 14 times since July 6, according to an AFP tally.

"Those who were inside the mosque were all killed. Even the floor above, where women and children were sleeping, was completely burned," local resident Abu Wassim said.

Israel's military said it took "numerous steps" to mitigate risks as it "precisely struck Hamas terrorists operating within a Hamas command and control centre embedded in the Al-Tabieen school".

The military has repeatedly made similar accusations after strikes on school shelters. Hamas has previously denied using schools, hospitals and other civilian facilities for military aims. The attack left dead and wounded strewn around the ground floor of the two-storey complex with a courtyard, where debris lay inside and out, AFPTV images showed.

The upper floor was partially blown out and charred.

Images showed white-shrouded bodies, blood stains on the ground, and smoke rising from the rubble. Hamas's October 7 attack resulted in the deaths of 1,198 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures. *AFP*

WAR WATCH

ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 309

TOLL SO FAR

41,549

Top Iraqi Shiite cleric warns of escalation

Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani warned Saturday of the risk of a regional escalation with potentially "catastrophic consequences" following the killing of two Iran-backed militant leaders. "Once again, the Israeli occupation army has committed a huge massacre... adding to its series of ongoing crimes" in Gaza, Sistani said in a rare statement referring to the strike on school in Gaza.

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

MoU FOR HALAL TRADE SIGNED WITH S'PORE

Indonesia and Singapore have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote halal product trade between the two countries, the Star reported. The agreement was signed by Islamic Religious Council of Singapore chief executive Kadir Maideen and Indonesia's Halal Product Assurance Organising Agency chairman Muhammad Aqil Irham. "This MoU is important to increase the volume of exports and imports of Indonesia and Singapore in a mutually beneficial manner, especially the volume of halal product trade," Irham said

THAILAND

INSURANCE SECTOR TO HIT $23 BN BY 2028

Thailand's life insurance sector is expected to reach US$23.1 billion in gross written premiums by 2028, Insurance Business America reported quoting projections from GlobalData. Thailand's aging population has found policies that provide lifelong coverage particularly appealing, the report said

SINGAPORE

GURDWARA CELEBRATES CENTENARY

A Gurdwara is celebrating its centenary by recapping the arrivals of early Sikhs from Punjab in the 1800s including a revolutionary who fought for India's independence but was jailed in the then colonial-ruled island. One of the two murals at the Gurdwara entrance is a homage to the revered saint Bhai Maharaj Singh, who was the first documented Sikh to arrive in Singapore as a British prisoner in 1850, reported *The Straits Times*. The murals were unveiled and signed by President Shanmugaratnam on July 6, during the official launch of centennial celebrations

Panic buying in Japan cities over fears of megaquake

TOKYO

AUTHORITIES in Japan urged people to avoid hoarding as anxiety over a possible megaquake triggered a spike on Saturday in demand for disaster kits and daily necessities.

In its first such advisory, the weather agency said a huge earthquake was more likely in the aftermath of a magnitude 7.1 jolt in the south on Thursday which left 14 people injured.

At a Tokyo supermarket on Saturday, a sign was put up apologising to customers for shortages of certain products it attributed to "quake-related media reports". "Potential sales restrictions are on the way", the sign said, adding bottled water was already being rationed due to "unstable" procurement.

On Saturday morning the website of Japanese e-commerce giant Rakuten showed portable toilets, preserved food and bottled water topping the list of the most sought-after items. In Tokyo, some residents were ramping up their disaster preparedness.

Bar employee Kokoro Takeuchi said she had ordered bottled water online following Thursday's tremor.

"I'm very worried," the 27-year-old told AFP. *AFP*

A view of a column of Russian Army trucks damaged by Ukrainian shelling in the Sudzhansky district in Kursk region of Russia on Saturday | AP

EXPRESS READ

UN-sanctioned official to head Iran's N-agency

Tehran: Iran's newly-elected president reappointed a US-educated official who came under United Nations sanctions 16 years ago as head of the country's nuclear department. Mohammad Eslami's reappointment by President Masoud Pezeshkian comes as Iran remains under heavy sanctions by the West following the collapse of the 2015 nuclear agreement

Harris leads in three battleground states

Washington: Kamala Harris now leads Donald Trump in three crucial battleground states, according to new polls published on Saturday, apparently eroding the advantage the former president has enjoyed there over the past year. The polls showed Democratic candidate Harris leading her Republican rival Trump by 50% to 46%

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Russia launches 'counter-terror ops' to halt advancing Ukrainian troops

MOSCOW

MOSCOW on Saturday mounted a "counter-terror operation" in three border regions adjoining Ukraine to halt Kyiv's advance deeper into Russia and warned that the fighting endangered a nuclear power plant.

Ukrainian units stormed into Russia's western Kursk region on Tuesday morning in a shock attack.

Its troops have advanced several kilometres and Russia's army has rushed in reserves and extra equipment – though neither side has given precise details on the forces they have committed.

Russia's nuclear agency on Saturday warned the Ukrainian attack posed a "direct threat" to the nearby Kursk nuclear power station.

At least 16,000 civilians requested state assistance to leave their homes in Russian border areas, where emergency aid has been ferried in, and extra trains to the capital Moscow have been put on for people fleeing. "The war has come to us," one woman from the border zone told AFP at a Moscow train station on Friday, declining to give her name.

Russia's army confirmed Saturday it will still fighting the Ukrainian incursion.

It said Kyiv initially crossed the border with around 1,000 troops, around 20 armoured vehicles and 11 tanks. Though it claimed Saturday to have destroyed five times that much military hardware so far. Russia's national anti-terrorism committee said late Friday it was starting "counter-terror operations in the Belgorod, Bryansk and Kursk regions ... in order to ensure the safety of citizens and suppress the threat of terrorist acts being carried out by the enemy's sabotage groups." Security forces and the military are given sweeping emergency powers during "counter-terror" operations. Movement is restricted, vehicles can be seized, phone calls can be monitored, areas are declared no-go zones, checkpoints introduced, and security is beefed up at key infrastructure sites. Russia said it has evacuated more than 76,000 people from border areas in Kursk region since Tuesday. *AFP*

Kyiv's unprecedented fight back

Ukraine's incursion into Russia, which entered a fifth day on Saturday, appears to be an unprecedented assault which experts say could aim to draw Russian resources away from other areas or to undermine morale

DEEP INCURSION The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think-tank, said Ukrainian forces have managed to push up to 35 kilometers deep into the region. The advance has centred on the logistical hub of Sudzha, a town of around 5,000 inhabitants about eight kilometres from the Ukraine border

WHAT'S ZELENSKYY THINKING

- Some said the incursion may seek to draw Russian reserves away from the nearby Kharkiv front in Ukraine, where Russia launched an offensive three months ago
- Some argue that if Ukraine could hold the territory, it would gain leverage against Russia in peace negotiations
- The assault could also have a psychological effect – boosting the morale of Ukrainians

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has entered into agreement to purchase the Schedule Properties from its owners: **(1) Smt.R.PADMA,** W/o Sri.R.Pandu, residing at: No.6/6, Mahanth Layout, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560019; **(2) Smt. R.VIMALA**, W/o Sri.P.Sridhar, residing at No.6/1, Mahantha Layout, Kempegowdanagar, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore-560019; and **(3)Smt. J.KRUTHIKA,** D/o late P.Jaganathan, residing at: 126/16, Mahantha Layout, Bull Temple Road, K.G.Nagar, Gavipuram Extension, Bengaluru-560019.

Apart from the aforesaid owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or either by way of Agreement or Mortgage or maintenance or any other right or charge or lien in or over the Schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the supporting legal documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of Publication of this Notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1 property owned by **Smt. R.PADMA:**

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.6 (portion of property bearing Old No.78 thereafter No.93) PID No.49-5-6, measuring East to West 58 ft and North to South 35 ft, with a building thereon, situated at Mahantha Layout, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Compound of Mahantha Narayan Dasji Varu
North by : Property bearing No.6/1 of Smt.R.Vimala
South by : Compound of Mahantha Narayana Dasji Varu

Item No.2 property owned by **Smt. R.VIMALA:**

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.6/1 (portion of the property bearing Old No.78, thereafter No.93, later on No.6), PID No.49-5-6/1, measuring East to West 58 ft and North to South 25 ft, with a building thereon, situated at Mahantha Layout, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Compound of Mahantha Narayan Dasji Varu
North by : Land of Sri.Mallaraiah
South by : Property bearing No.6 of Smt.R.Padma

Item No.3 property owned by **Smt.J.KRUTHIKA:**

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.126/16, PID No.49-6-126/16, measuring East to West: 60 ft and North to South: 23½ ft, with a building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Road, Bangalore-560004 and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Property of Sri.R.Ramdas
North by : Property bearing No.6 of Smt.P.Padma
South by : Property bearing No.123/3 of Sri.J.K.Jain and new building.

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal only)

The Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Hassan invites tender from class-1 contractrs for 2023-24, 15th Finance Grant work as detailed below. **2023-24, 15th Finance Sl.** No.1)Description of work: Drilling of Borewells, evection of motor pump for borewells from ward no.1 to 35, road development work and construction of cement concrete drain in ward no 8,15,18,21,26,28 and 30 Hassan city. (DMA/ 2023-24/OW/WORK_ INDENT15543/CALL-2) Amount Put to Tender (Rs.in Lakhs)434.30 Period of Construction: 18 Calender Months (Excluding Rainy Season) Appicable Bid Document: KW-4 Interested contractors shall register on the KPP-Portal platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the KPP-Portal platform (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Tenders shall be submitted electronically at (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) Tender processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events are as follows:- 1.Last Date for uploading of completed tender documents. Date: 26.08.2024 Time: 17.30 Hrs 2.Date of opening of Tenders. (Technical Bids) Date: 28.08.2024 Time: 11.00 Hrs Any Changes in the tender conditions and postponment of calendars of events (if any) is only through KPP-Portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

sd/- Commissioner City Municipal Council Hassan

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client **T.A. BHAVANSA** is the absolute owner of the property bearing No.104, Present BBMP PID No. 29-111-104 (old No. 8, later 10, situated at Manager Ranganna Lane, Manvarthapet, Bengaluru measuring **East to West:** 40 feet and **North to South:** 50 feet in all measuring 2000 sq.ft. alongwith Bathroom measuring **East to West:** 10 feet and **North to South:** 14 feet and bounded on the **East by:** Site No. Property belonging to Ganalapp, Mudappa & Shivappa, **West by:** Property belonging to Siddappa and Niranjappa, **North by:** Govt Road and **South by:** Property belonging to Munimarappa and Narasimahaiah. My client has lost the Original Will 13.3.1989 executed by his mother Smt. Lakshmidevi. The said Will, dated 13.3.1989 is registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, as No. 339/1988-89, pages 94 to 98, Vol 116 of Book III. Finders will be suitable rewarded, if they submit the above document to the below mentioned address

M.R. Rajini, Advocate
No. 31, 1st 'A' Cross, Doraisanipalya, B.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 078 (M) 9535982832
Mail: rajiniraju16@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client **K. Kiranmyee & Glowrimary** intends to purchase the Property bearing Site No. 24, Present Khatha No. 3052, formed in the land bearing Sy. No. 16/2, 2nd Phase, Kammanahalli, layout formed by Central Excise House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, situated at Kammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring **East to West:** 55 feet and **North to South:** 40 feet in all measuring 2200 sq.ft and bounded on the **East by:** Site No. 25, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 23 and **South by:** Road from Ashfaq Aleem Ahmed. Any person/s having objection/s or claims with regard to the property mentioned herein may with documentary evidence lodged their objection/claims **within 7 days** with documentary evidence from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client will proceed in purchasing the above mentioned property.

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PUBLIC NOTICE (DOCUMENT LOST)

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client **Sri. VENKATESH.S S/o. Late. H. Srinivasa Murthy,** aged about 69 years, residing at No. 27/1, 2nd Cross, D Block, Sri Krishna Garden Layout, Bangalore-560059,has lost the Original Allotment Letter at Rajajinagar on 07/08/2024 (Allotment Letter No.No.BDA/DS-3/1226/BLK-II/SMVL/2003-04,dt :16-04-2003), issued by Bangalore Development Authority, in favour of **Sri. Venkatesh.S,** in respect of the Site bearing No. 1226, Property I.D.No.4312020140, Situated at 2nd Block, Sir. M. Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore, measuring **East to West:** 9.00 Meters and **North to South :** 12.00 Meters, in all measuring 108.00 Square Meters, In this regard my client has lodged a police complaint through online on 07/08/2024, Lost Report No. 1183203, before Bangalore City Police, Bangalore. If any person/s finds or in possession of the said documents are requested to return the same to the undersigned within 7 days from today and all the general public are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with any one on the basis of the aforesaid missing documents.

R.SURESH, Advocate
No.4, 8th Main, CHBS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040 Mobile :9845533578
Email: suresha666@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of **"JANATHA CHALUVALI BHARATHA"**. The office of the party is located at **"NO. 918, 1ST FLOOR, 9TH 'A' CROSS, 2ND MAIN ROAD, KAVERIPURA, KAMAKSHIPALLYA, BANGALORE-560079"**. This party has submitted an application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as a Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951. The names and addresses of the office bearers of the Party are as follows:

President: Mr. Obaleshappa B.T.
R/o. No.36, 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Attur Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka-560064.
General Secretary: Mr. Altin Anthony Raj
R/o. No.1442, St. Joseph Colony, Begur Main Road, Canara Bank, Begur, Bangalore, Karnataka-560058.
Treasurer: Mr. Thejorama Shetty
R/o. No.918, 1st Floor, 9th 'A' Cross, 2nd Main Road, Kaveripura, Kamakshipallya, Bangalore-560079.

If anyone has any objection to the registration of **"JANATHA CHALUVALI BHARATHA"**, they may send their objection with reasons thereof to the Secretary, Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client states that the following original documents in respect of Schedule Property have been misplaced: 1. Regd., General Power of Attorney Deed dated 21.05.1981, Document No. 295/1980-81, Volume No.39, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bengaluru North Taluk, 2. Registered Sale Deed dated 04.08.2003, Document No.15026/2003-04, CD NO. 138 regd., in the office of the Sub Registrar Bengaluru North Taluk, 3. Betterment Charges receipt, Link documents and Mother Deeds along with complete set of the property papers, in respect of schedule property have been misplaced/lost and is not traceable immediately. We hereby call upon the public if anyone found the above said documents, kindly hand over to the below address, and also we further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the above said original documents in respect of the Schedule Property, same will be an offence and they will be liable for the punishment under the Criminal Act. Therefore, we call upon the general public not to deal with the Schedule Property on the above said original documents which is presently standing in the name of Sri. Basanth Kumar B and Certified copy of the above said Deeds will be obtained from the Sub-Registrar office and same shall be treated as original title deed of Sri. Basanth Kumar B, with respect to the Schedule Property if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof within (10) Ten days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned address.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Site No.24 and 25, New Municipal No.30, BBMP PID No. 38-19-30, carved out of Sy No. 67, measuring East to West 51 feet and North to South 45 feet in all measuring 2295 Square feet, situated at Nagarbhavi Village, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk presently situated at 4th Main Road, Kalyana Nagar, Bengaluru and bounded as follows :-

East by : Site No. 23;
West by : 30 feet wide Road;
North by : 30 feet wide Road;
South by : Site No. 16 and 17;

A. P. Law Associates
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park), Bengaluru-560021
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IN THE COURT OF THE XLI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE CCH-42
P & S.C. No. 410/2024

Between : 1. SMT. VINUTHA G SHEKAR @ VINUTHA GUNASHEKAR W/o. D.M.GUNASHEKAR & D/o. Late R.B. Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B.N.Murthy @ R. Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli B Nanjunda Murthy and Late. Bangalore Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B. Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B.N. Shantha Murthy @ B.N.S. Murthy, Aged about 63 years, R/at. No. 132/4, Shubha DMM Building, Basaveshwara Temple Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018.

2. SMT. RAJENAHALLI NANJUNDAMURTHY SUJAYA W/O. SRI B.C. UMESH & D/o. the said late R B Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B. Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B.N.Murthy @ R. Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli B Nanjunda Murthy & D/o. the said late Bangalore Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B. Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B.N. Shantha Murthy @ B.N.S. Murthy, Aged about 60 years, R/at. No. E-402, Adarsh Palace, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

3. SMT. RAJENAHALLI NANJUNDA MURTHY JAYALALITHA W/O SRI B.N.VIRUPAKSHA & D/o. the said late Late Nanjunda Murthy Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B. Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B.N.Murthy @ R. Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli B Nanjunda Murthy & D/o. the said late Bangalore Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B. Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B.N. Shantha Murthy @ B.N.S. Murthy, Aged about 59 years. R/at. No. 915, 20th Main Road, B.S.K. 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560070.

4. SMT. Late. R.N. SUDHA, Rep by Dimple Bangalore, D/o. the said late Nanjunda Murthy Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B. Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B.N.Murthy @ R. Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli B Nanjunda Murthy & D/o. the said late Bangalore Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B. Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B.N. Shantha Murthy @ B.N.S. Murthy, Aged about 56 years, R/at. No. 47, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560082.

5. CHETANA RAJENAHALLI NANJUNDAMURTHY @ RAJENAHALLI NANJUNDA MURTHY CHETANA W/O. SURESH GUDDANNAGARI & D/o. the said late Nanjunda Murthy Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B. Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ R.B.N.Murthy @R. Basappa Nanjunda Murthy @ Rajenahalli B Nanjunda Murthy & D/o. the said late Bangalore Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B. Nagaraja Shantha Murthy @ B.N. Shantha Murthy @ B.N.S. Murthy, Aged about 53 years, R/at. No. 782, Vigneshvar, 14th Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block, West of Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560082. **...Petitioners**

And : NIL ...Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the above named Petitioners have made petition to this Court Under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the Petitioner No.5, in respect of Schedule Shares mentioned below. Has held by Late parents of the Petitioners, who expired on 19-08-2000 & 19-08-2001 respectively at Bangalore.

Interested persons are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or through pleader duly instructed **on 5.9.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** to show cause against the Petition failing which the case will be decided as Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE - A : SHARES HELD JOINTLY BY THE PARENTS OF THE PETITIONERS

Sl.No.	UNIT	FOLIO NO	NO OF SHARES
1	ADITYA BIRLA FASHIONS AND RETAILS LIMITED	36239	93
2	ADITYA BIRLA FASHIONS AND RETAILS LIMITED	4309	109
3	BAYER CROPSCIENCE LTD	B1R0002962	50
4	BF INVESTMENT LTD	29189	169
5	BF UTILITIES	29189	169
6	CEAT TYRES OF INDIA LTD	CTBN 051	140
7	CEAT TYRES OF INDIA LTD	CTR06610	20
8	CEAT TYRES OF INDIA LTD	ZVB0001048	142
9	CEAT LTD	ZVR0000252	51
10	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2506	1196
11	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2509	616
12	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2504	134
13	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2507	72
14	CG POWER AND INDUSTRIES SOLUTIONS LTD	7887	3307
15	DCM SHRIRAM LTD	6340	490
16	FRANKLIN TEMPLETON	14423438	ALL UNITS
17	FRANKLIN TEMPLETON	14589669	ALL UNITS
18	GODFREY PHILIPS LTD	R01021	1140
19	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD	GRA0324420	31
20	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD	95163	50
21	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD	531137	50
22	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD	GRA0334290	27
23	GUJARAT STATE FERTILIZERS COMPANY LTD	37538	1875
24	GUJARAT STATE FERTILIZERS & CHEMICALS LTD	253247	115
25	HEIDELBERGCEMENT INDIA LTD	M00429	395
26	IG PETROCHEMICALS LTD	11406	200
27	KIRLOSKAR ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD	25587	110
28	KIRLOSKAR ELECTRIC COMPANY LTD	9755	400
29	MYSORE PETROCHEMICALS LTD	B001155	560
30	NOCIL LTD	B01744	1520
31	ORIENTAL AROMATICS LTD	CR-B50089	632
32	ODISHA CEMENT LTD(DALMIA BHARAT LTD)	DBL0110983	300
33	POLYCHEM LTD	PER01044	716
34	POLYCHEM LTD	PER02152	120
35	POLYCHEM LTD	B0000694	733
36	RPG LIFE SCIENCE LTD	PR000984	283
37	SIEMENS LTD	SIR006021	190
38	SIEMENS LTD	SIR0070179	110
39	SIEMENS LTD	SIR0006017	20
40	SAREGAMA INDIA LTD	96149	200
41	TATA STEEL LTD	S1R108616	2100
42	TATA STEEL LTD	S1B0067838	9180
43	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	R02969	1196
44	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	N02253	134
45	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	N0003022	260
46	TTK PHARMA LTD	R01737	100
47	THE LAKSHMI MILLS COMPANY LTD	1518	52
48	UNI ABEX ALLOY PRODUCTS LTD	B000976	25
49	ZYDUS WELLNESS LTD	15549	156

SCHEDULE - B : SHARES HELD INDIVIDULLY BY LATE FATHER OF THE PETITIONERS

Sl.No.	UNIT	FOLIO NO	NO OF SHARES
1	ADITYA BIRLA FASHIONS AND RETAILS LIMITED	34343	468
2	BAYER CROPSCIENCE LTD	B1R0003119	200
3	CEAT TYRES OF INDIA LTD	CTRB 047	140
4	CEAT LTD	ZVR0000058	105
5	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2510	260
6	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2366	260
7	COROMANDEL INTERNATIONAL LTD	M000529	2400
8	GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY LTD	RS2173	143
9	GARWARE HI TECH FILMS LTD	00R09126	113
10	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD	GRA0334273	135
11	I G PETROCHEMICALS LTD	11404	50
12	I G PETROCHEMICALS LTD	72192	100
13	I G PETROCHEMICALS LTD	11405	100
14	MYSORE PETRO CHEMICALS LTD	R000104	120
15	NOCIL LTD	R50168	260
16	ODISHA CEMENT LTD(DALMIA BHARAT LTD)	DBL0110959	900
17	POLYCHEM LTD	PER00403	491
18	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	N00857	260
19	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	N03022	260
20	VIP	41671	1640

SCHEDULE - C : SHARES HELD INDIVIDULLY BY LATE MOTHER OF THE PETITIONERS

Sl.No.	UNIT	FOLIO NO	NO OF SHARES
1	ADITYA BIRLA FASHIONS AND RETAILS LIMITED	3222	546
2	BEARDSELL LTD	6853	1250
3	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2511	132
4	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS CRICKET LTD	2368	132
5	COSMO FILMS LTD	Z6133	230
6	GRASIM INDUSTRIES LTD	GRA0323768	157
7	I G PETROCHEMICALS LTD	11406	200
8	ORIENTAL AROMATICS LTD	B50089	632
9	POLYCHEM LTD	PEB00290	249
10	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	B01910	616
11	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	S09112	72
12	THE INDIA CEMENTS LTD	S11819	132
13	VOLTAS LTD	V0X0264360	300

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on the 8.8.2024.

Advocate for Petitioners : SATHYANARAYANA GOPAL RAO, Advocate No. 142/3, 1st Floor, Shiva Complex, 5th Main, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018. **Mob: 9342848524 / 9342926437**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

$1.3 BN foreign institutional investors withdrew from the Indian stock market this week

FM says deposits and lending are two wheels of a cart, of which deposit is moving slowly

'Banks need to focus on deposits'

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

FINANCE minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday stressed upon the importance for the banks to focus on their primary banking activities, specifically in terms of collecting deposits and providing loans to those in need of financial assistance.

Speaking to the media following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) board meeting, the minister said deposits and lending are akin to the two wheels of a cart, noting that "the deposit is moving slowly."

To address the imbalance between deposits and lending, Sitharaman urged the banks to develop "innovative and appealing" deposit schemes to attract funds from the public. Meanwhile, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das stated that interest rates are deregulated, allowing banks to increase deposit rates to draw in funds. "Banks are free to decide on their interest rates," he noted.

"...More portfolios are available for more returns on money, that's why retail investment in markets has gone up. When they have so many options, banks also have to make use of innovative portfolios for attracting investment and deposit mobilisation," Sitharaman said.

The central bank's governor pointed out that although interest rates are deregulated, banks frequently raise deposit rates to draw in funds. He mentioned that banks have increasingly relied upon short-term non-retail deposits and other financial instruments to address the growing demand for credit.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das during the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India in the customary post-budget meeting at the Reserve Bank of India in New Delhi | PTI

> When they (retail investors) have many options, banks have to make use of innovative portfolios for deposit mobilisation
>
> Nirmala Sitharaman, FM

> As govt's debt manager, we are watchful of what exactly is happening, and if any action is required, we will interact with the govt and deal with it
>
> Shaktikanta Das, RBI Guv

Banks are free to decide on their interest rates: Das

Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das stated that interest rates are deregulated, allowing banks to increase deposit rates to draw in funds. "Banks are free to decide on their interest rates," the noted

'Develop 'innovative and appealing' deposit schemes'

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In addition, Sitharaman expressed her intent to have further discussions with the banks, focusing on priority sector lending and methods to improve deposit collection. "I will be meeting with the banks for various reasons, to take up the government's priority sector lending areas, emphasise on some of the government schemes, and also in that process talk to them about how it is important for them to go back to collecting deposits the old fashioned way," the finance minister stated.

Regarding the Sovereign Green Bond, the Governor announced that trading of these bonds is set to begin at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat in the latter half of the current fiscal year.

"We are in discussion with the IFSC, it will be operationalised very soon. I think in the second half of the current fiscal, it will be possible," Das added.

When asked about the lukewarm response from investors to the issuance of green bonds, the RBI governor stated, "As the government's debt manager, we are watchful of what exactly is happening, and if any action is required, we will interact with the government and deal with it."

He added that a key announcement in this year's budget focused on establishing climate taxonomy.

The Reserve Bank of India governor said that this will have a substantial long-term effect on the mobilisation of funds for the green sector, not just through green bonds but also in terms of overall financing for the green sector.

NEWSCOPE

UNHAPPY NEIGHBOURS, AND POOR DIPLOMACY

GURBIR SINGH

EXACTLY two years ago, in August 2022, Sri Lanka's President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa and 2 security guards fled the country hours before he was slated to resign. His first stop was the Maldives. The Rajapaksa family left behind waves of street protestsand a gutted President's residence.

The same parallels have played out in Bangladesh. Sheikh Hasina, who ran what we all thought was a stable regime, has fallen to weeks of intense student protests, and has fled to India. What's shocked political observers is the suddenness and the intensity of the uprising. What started as an anti-reservation agitation against quotas in government jobs for so-called freedom fighters, snowballed into an 'Oust Hasina' campaign.

For India, there is genuine concern as the country's large 8% Hindu minority faces a backlash. The contours of the new interim government – with Begum Khalida of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), and Jamaat-e-Islami elements – has a decidedly anti-India ring. 'India Out', a popular slogan of the agitators, has a Maldives echo, where the pro-China President Mohamed Muizzu has asked India's small army contingent to leave. What does long-time ally Sheikh Hasina's ouster spell for India? In recent months, there have been a series of regime changes among our neighbours not favourable to India. Ourcredibility as a reliable ally is being questioned. What has gone wrong?

ANTI-INDIA RING

Sheikh Hasina started her third term in office in January this year after an election that was seen to be neither free nor fair. While many Western countries questioned her re-election and called for restoration of democracy, India chose to remain silent. This created considerable resentment against India.

In the recent months and weeks, Hasina has come to be hated for her repressive measures and for the over 300 students killed; and India is seen as a collaborator. Besides the anti-India slogans, there has been months of a social media campaign to boycott Indian goods.

The significance of Bangladesh can't be overstated. India has a 4,000 km boundary with her eastern neighbour and a significant trade of nearly $13 billion a year in two wheelers, medical services and tourism. Trade figures don't reflect it, but Bangladesh is India's largest manpower provider.India's bottom-of-the-pyramid jobs are performed by immigrants, many of whom cross over illegally.

In turn, India's security establishment has been heavily reliant on Sheikh Hasina's government to keep radical Islamist groups in Bangladesh in check, and crackdown on armed rebels operating from Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts.

India has now provided asylum to Hasina, a move not likely to go down well with the new Interim Government in Dhaka. In the coming days, she will be charged with corruption, and

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for repression; and there will be calls for her extradition, a potential source for further friction.

Instead of reading the writing on the wall, our media is full of speculation blaming the ouster of Sheikh Hasina on everything from Pakistan's ISI to China's machinations. Whatever may be the truth, we cannot deny she was ousted by a popular revolt; and the sooner the Indian government realizes it, the better.

BIG BROTHER

In the case of Nepal, one would have thought its symbiotic relationship with India based on a 1,800-km open border, and a common culture would have stumped detractors. However, over the years, India's influence in Kathmandu has been declining.

Political commentors mince no words at pointing to India's Big Brother attitude. The enforcement of trade blockades in 1975, 1989 and as recent as 2015, has stoked strong anti-India resentment. In 2015, the blockade was imposed soon after a devastating earthquake, which forced Nepal into a trade and transit pact with China.

In more recent months, India's traditional Nepali allies – the Monarchist party and the Nepali Congress – have faced dwindling support; while the left wing, which prefers stronger ties with China, has gained ascendance. Nepal's Maoist Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", recently broke his alliance with the Nepali Congress in early March, and has opted to partner with the more extreme pro-China leader, Krishna Prasad Sharma Oli.

There has been a similar playout in respect of Sri Lanka. Just before the Lok Sabha polls in April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attacked the Congress for giving away a small uninhabited island in the Palk Straits, Katchatheevu, to Sri Lanka in 1974. Though there is a history of disputed ownership, India had ceded the island to improve relations with Sri Lanka.

It was an election ploy, but when the issue was raked up by the BJP government 5 decades later, Sri Lankans are asking if India could be trusted to adhere to agreements signed with earlier governments.

The lack of vision is obvious. China has made considerable headway over the last 15-20 years with Sri Lanka, building and financing infra projects like the Hambantota port and the Colombo-Galle expressway. Following the ouster of the Rajapaksa brothers in 2022, India bridged the gap with grants and medical aid. But then came Katchatheevu!

Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives. And now Bangladesh. It's a long list of diplomatic failures. Because of her sheer size and clout, India generates a natural fear among her smaller neighbours. India thus has to tread cautiously. Trust and mutual benefit is the bedrock of nations allying with one another, something which India's regional diplomacy seems to have missed out on.

'Sebi chief linked to offshore funds'

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research on Saturday alleged that current SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Buch and her husband, Dhaval Buch, had hidden stakes in the exact same obscure offshore Bermuda and Mauritius funds, found in the same complex nested structure, used by Vinod Adani, brother of billionaire Gautam Adani, in what it calls the money siphoning scandal.

Hindenburg said it is due to this reason that India's capital market regulator was not interested in inspecting the Adani Group thoroughly. In January 2023, Hindenburg had published a stinging report against Adani Group accusing the port-to-power conglomerate of stock manipulation and accounting fraud.

Adani Group has always denied the allegations and its stance so far has been supported by the Supreme Court. The Apex Court in a ruling last year said that SEBI had drawn a blank in its investigation of the Adani matter.

"We suspect SEBI's unwillingness to take meaningful action against suspect offshore shareholders in the Adani Group may stem from Chairperson Madhabi Buch's complicity in using the exact same funds used by Vinod Adani, brother of Gautam Adani," the short-seller said in a fresh report published late Saturday night.

The report said as per whistleblower documents, Buch and her husband first appear to have opened their account with IPE Plus Fund 1 on June 5, 2015 in Singapore.

"IPE Plus Fund" Is A Small Offshore Mauritius Fund Set Up By An Adani Director Through India Infoline (IIFL), A listed Wealth Management Firm With Ties To The German Wirecard Scandal. Vinod Adani Used This Structure To Invest In Indian Markets With Funds Allegedly Siphoned From Over Invoicing Of Power Equipment To The Adani Group," it said.

It added, "If SEBI Really Wanted To Find The Offshore Fund Holders, Perhaps The SEBI Chairperson Could Have Started By Looking In The Mirror. We Find It Unsurprising That SEBI Was Reluctant To Follow A Trail That May Have Led To Its Own Chairperson."

EXPRESS READ

NCLT orders insolvency against Coffee Day

NEW DELHI: NCLT has ordered insolvency proceedings against Coffee Day Enterprises (CDEL), parent company of Coffee Day Group which operates Cafe Coffee Day chain. The Bengaluru bench on August 8 admitted the plea by IDBI Trusteeship Services claiming a default of ₹228.45 crore and appointed an interim resolution professional. *ENS*

Green bonds to start trade at IFSC in H2: Das

NEW DELHI: RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday said trading of sovereign green bonds can commence at the International Financial Services Centre in Gujarat during the second half of the current fiscal. "We are in discussion with the IFSC, it will be operationalised soon. I think in the second half (of FY25), it will be possible," Das said. *ENS*

'Garment sector uncertainty due to B'desh crisis'

NEW DELHI: Indian garment and knitted fabric sector is witnessing a bit of uncertainty due to the Bangladesh crisis, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday, expressing hope that the interim government there will settle things "sooner rather than later." Interacting with the media on the sidelines of customary post Budget address to the central board of Reserve Bank of India, she said efforts are being taken to ensure that borders with the neighbouring country are safe. *ENS*

Sebi flags rising demand-supply gap in debt papers

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

GIVEN the rising mismatch between demand and supply of debt market instruments across investor classes, a senior Sebi official has urged the mutual fund industry and its lobby Amfi to conduct voluntary and credible industry-wide stress tests.

As per him, doing something serious in good times is much more effective than fighting a crisis in bad times and that there is an urgent need for some balance between the supply of fresh securities and the demand for paper in the secondary market.

Ananth Narayan G, the Sebi whole-time member, told the mutual fund industry leaders at an event organised by the industry lobby Assocham in New Delhi, between FY17 and FY21, demand for paper in the secondary market, across mutual funds (MFs), domestic institutional investors (DIIs), individuals, and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) averaged ₹23,000 per year. But since FY22, that number has risen by over 5x to average at ₹1.26 trillion per year.

In FY24 alone, net demand for paper across primary and secondary markets -- from all MFs, DIIs, FPIs and individuals, stood at near ₹3.6 trillion. As against this, Narayan said, the supply of fresh paper in FY24 across IPOs, FPOs, rights issues, QIPs, preferential allotments was less than ₹2 trillion and the mismatch has been growing much faster in recent times.

Tribunal stays IRDAI order against Rashmi Saluja

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a relief to Religare Enterprises chairperson Dr Rashmi Saluja, the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has stayed for 12 weeks the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) order directing Care Health Insurance to buy back 75,69,685 shares of CHIL allotted to and revoking unexercised and / or unvested stock options of Dr Rashmi Saluja.

The SAT also directed Dr Rashmi Saluja to not deal with the 75,69,685 shares of CHIL in any manner and maintain status quo in respect of these shares and not exercise option in respect of unexercised and, or unvested stock options of CHIL. The SAT also stayed the ₹1 crore penalty simposed on CHIL by the insurance regulator subject to the condition that the company deposit 50% of the penalty amount within four weeks of the order.

BoI hikes rates on short-term, medium-term FDs

Mumbai: Bank of India, one of the leading public sector banks in India, has upward revised the interest rates on its short term & medium term Fixed Deposits of tenure ranging from 180 days to less than 1 year and continued to offer highest rate of 8.10% p.a. on its 666 Days Fixed Deposit under Non-Callable Deposit for Super Senior Citizen.

MOIL achieves record turnover, sales in Apr-Jun

The Board of Directors of MOIL approved financial results for the first quarter of FY25 in its meeting held on 30th July, 2024. It has achieved record quarterly turnover and sales during Apr-Jun, 2024.Production of 4.70 lakh tonne has been higher by 8% YoY, whereas sales at 4.53 lakh tonne has been 15% higher YoY during the quarter.

Eastern Railway released safety bulletin

In a high level meeting at Eastern Railway Headquarters, Fairlie Place today (30.7.2024), Shri Milind K Deouskar, General Manager unveiled the cover of Safety Bulletin of Eastern Railway "SANRAKSHA PUNARASHWASAN" to mark the release of the bulletin. This edition of the Safety Bulletin features insightful technical articles, critical Joint Procedural Orders, essential monsoon safety tips, invaluable learnings from safety drives and exemplary efforts by Eastern Railway employees in preventing accidents. The safety bulletin "SANRAKSHA PUNARASHWASAN" is a valuable resource and embrace the principle of 'Safety first for better safety performance'. It may be noted that the safety is the core value that has been integrated into all aspects of operations of Eastern Railway and this Railway is committed to maintain the safety aspect with Zero tolerance.

Business & Beyond

JSP honoured with ASSOCHAM's Odisha CSR & Sustainability Excellence Award 2024

In recognition of its outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of community sports, Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) has been awarded the prestigious ASSOCHAM Odisha CSR & Sustainability Excellence Award 2024. The award was presented by Industry Minister Sampad Chandra Swain in a ceremony hosted by ASSOCHAM on Friday (26th July 2024) at Bhubaneswar. A. T. Mishra, IFS, Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, and other senior industry leaders were present on the occasion. Chairperson of JSP Foundation, Shallu Jindal, congratulated JSP's CSR team and said, "We are striving consistently to make Indian sports arenas future-ready."

Indian Oil Corporation organises Corporate Games 2024 at Pune

Pune: Indian Oil Corporation successfully organised the second edition of its 'Corporate Games' at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune from July 26 to 28, 2024. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, led the inauguration of the event on July 26, 2024, in the presence of Ms. Rashmi Govil, Director (HR). The event featured a range of indoor games, including badminton, chess, table tennis, carrom, and swimming, with 623 employees competing as part of 27 multi-divisional teams from across the country. In his opening address, Vaidya emphasised the importance of sports in fostering team spirit and unity among employees. "IndianOil is defined by its people. And sports is a powerful way to engage and unite us, breaking all divisional boundaries."

CAS postpones Vinesh decision

The ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) will take another day (till 6 PM August 13) before deciding on Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her disqualification from the women's 50kg free-style final. She was disqualified for being 100gm overweight.

With India's Olympic campaign over, a look at some of the eye-catching performances by the athletes from the country over the past three weeks...

Guts & glory

MANU BHAKER, SHOOTING

If winning her first medal, a bronze in 10m air pistol, was a story of redemption, the second one in the mixed team event was one of dominance. In securing another bronze along with Sarabjot Singh, Bhaker made history, becoming the first Indian to medal twice at a single Olympics. Apart from her, Swapnil Kusale added to India's tally, securing the country's first medal in 50m rifle 3 positions with a bronze.

NEERAJ CHOPRA, JAVELIN THROW

That his silver felt like a disappointment is the standard this country aspires to be in. The two-time medallist has set the gold standard for Indian athletes. At the same time, still struggling with a groin injury, the 26-year-old managed to win a silver, only behind a monstrous 92.97m throw from Arshad Nadeem. While India celebrates his consistency, there is little doubt that he is going to come back stronger, aiming for another gold in 2028

AMAN SEHRAWAT, WRESTLING

His is a story that will move you to tears, make you feel happy as if it's your own success. He lost his parents at a very young age, and wrestling was the lifeline he held on to. The sport saved the Haryana wrestler and Aman gave back everything he had. The result is now there to see with a bronze that continued India's medal streak at the Olympics.

VINESH PHOGAT, WRESTLING

The story of the Olympics from an Indian point of view. In the 18 months leading up to the Games, Vinesh had been the face of the protests against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who was accused of sexual harassment. She shifted from 53kg to 50kg, secured a quota, caused the upset of the sport at the Games against Japan's Yui Susaki, the 2020 gold medallist, and stormed into the final. A silver medal was assured, at least that's what everyone thought. However, it was not to be as she was 100gms overweight in the morning of the final and was disqualified. Even as Vinesh appealed in CAS, and the ruling is expected to come soon, none of it will change the fight she showed on the mat.

HOCKEY MEN'S TEAM

After a dismal performance at the home World Cup, the Harmanpreet Singh-led side needed a reboot. And along with coach Craig Fulton, Harmanpreet & Co ensured the same. Since then they have won the Asian Champions Trophy, Asian Games, and at the centre of it were two people — PR Sreejesh and Harmanpreet. The captain scored in almost every other game and Sreejesh what Sreejesh does best. It is easy to say that they should have advanced to the final, but a bronze medal is no less and their bronze-medal effort will always be special.

MANIKA BHATRA, TABLE TENNIS

She might not have won a medal, but the paddler made a big impression. By reaching the Round of 16 in the women's singles, she became the first Indian to achieve the feat. With the team, she reached the quarterfinals before going down to Germany. At the start of the Games, it's not something that was realistically expected of the Indian contingent, and her fight is one to be remembered.

Target was gold but didn't know where we will end — Mt Everest or Mt K2: Chopra's coach

NEERAJ SILVER IN THE WORDS OF COACH KLAUS

THEY share a very sacred bond: Olympic silver medallist Neeraj Chopra and his coach Klaus Bartonietz. Almost like father and son. They spent more than nine months together training and competing. They travelled from one centre to another. Klaus, like a saint, has been guiding Neeraj in his sporting ventures. For the record, the 26-year-old's physio, Ishaan Marwahaa, is the third member.

Between the men's javelin final and the qualification, Klaus and Marwah tried to keep Neeraj calm. They usually try to keep both the body and the mind active. At the same time, they would not want him to stress about the final. "We tried to keep him calm," said Klaus. What helped was Neeraj was no longer a novice and he knew his body well. "He is experienced and is aware of his body," said Klaus.

The coach also makes as many sacrifices as the athlete. The German, 74, is missing home and would ideally want to spend time with his grandchildren. He, however, has not gone home since last November, just like Neeraj. The German biomechanics specialist doesn't mind living in the shadow of his illustrious ward. He goes incognito most times, content with what he delivers through Neeraj on the field. He is the invisible hand of fate that drives Neeraj's destiny. He meticulously draws up the training routine and also decides the calendar. He keeps him motivated.

Neeraj Chopra (C) with Klaus Bartonietz (R) & physiotherapist Ishaan Marwaha

The coach was on the sidelines at the Stade de France, just behind where Neeraj began his runway on Thursday. There was only one legitimate throw and he was not very happy. But then Olympic silver is Olympic silver. It is a big deal and he felt it must be acknowledged. It's not easy to win a medal at the biggest stage when all you peers breathe down your neck. The pressure of the final is cruel.

The two had come together in later part of 2019, when Neeraj was on the verge of breaking down, both mentally and physically. The routine he was following led to an elbow injury that threatened his career.

Klaus is a bit different. He loves to read and keeps to himself most of the time. He speaks in riddles and alludes to history, science, even speaks about quantum mechanics. He hates to brag and is a perfect foil for Neeraj. When it comes to temperament, Klaus is similar to Neeraj. He never cries for recognition. The coach sounded relaxed after the intense javelin throw final.

The target had always been the Olympic gold but was not overtly spoken like other throwers. He said that the journey 2023-24 had been very exciting and an adventurous one too. Speaking metaphorically, he said that it was "adventurous because we did not know which peak we would reach – Mt Everest or Mt K2." Neeraj, despite his season's best effort of 89.45m, finished behind Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who had a humongous 92.97m throw (an Olympic record).

Neeraj comes across as a modest person who doesn't speak loudly about his ambitions. Like his coach says, he likes to keep it to himself. "Of course, the target was defending gold," he said.

The plan now is to have a short recovery and Neeraj may compete at the Diamond League final. But that needs to be ascertained by his team. Recovery will be key, especially after Neeraj had spoken about his fragile adductor that had been troubling him for a while. Klaus, however, did not want to go into specifics of the injury.

An avid reader, he is right now reading Russian author Tutevich's bible of the throws, a manual on mechanics/biomechanics of the four throwing events.

Klaus has a simple training regimen. He tries to work on technique and has also been working on Neeraj's mind. The idea is to keep the brain going. It is not always physical. If one has to perform well, he believes he or she has to be strong mentally. But the thing that he would want from his athlete is to enjoy the sport. "If you enjoy, you can excel," he has told this daily several times.

Though Neeraj's team had been discussing groin surgery, that has not been finalised yet.

Reetika out, India's Olympics over

ENS/AGENCIES

INDIAN wrestler Reetika Hooda put up a stout defence against top seed Aiperi Medet Kyzy before losing the women's 76kg quarterfinal bout, which turned into an intense power struggle at the Paris Olympics here on Saturday. And with Aiperi losing to USA's Kennedy Blades in the semifinal, Reetika's hopes of making the repechage came to an end. And so did India's Olympics campaign as they finish with six medals, one less than what they won in the Tokyo Games.

Up against the Asian Games champion and World Championship silver medallist, Reetika managed to restrict her formidable rival to standing wrestling but eventually lost the bout on criteria after it ended 1-1. If the two wrestlers end with the same score, the one who scores the last point is declared winner. The 21-year old Reetika had become India's female U23 world champion last year. A little more experience of battling quality senior wrestlers would have helped her get an upset win.

"You can't win bouts by just defence," India coach Virender Dahiya fumed. "Yes, she fought well but what's the point if your strong defence does not get you win. Reetika did not let her attack but she herself did not attack. You lose by one point, or 10 points, you lose. Reetika could have won this bout," he said.

The Kyrgyzstan wrestler began on an aggressive note with a double leg attack but Reetika, using her immense upper body power, held her ground.

Reetika Hooda (Red) beat Bernadett Nagy in Rd of 16 before losing in quarters | AP

PODIUM FINISHERS

India signed off* with six medals in the ongoing Olympics - 1 silver & five bronze.

Medal	Name	Event
Silver	Neeraj Chopra	Men's javelin throw
Bronze	Manu Bhaker	Women's 10m air pistol
Bronze	Manu Bhaker-Sarabjot Singh	Mixed 10m air pistol
Bronze	Swapnil Kusale	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions
Bronze	Hockey team	Men's field hockey
Bronze	Aman Sehrawat	Men's freestyle wrestling (57kg)

*Vinesh Phogat's case for a joint silver is yet to be ruled by CAS

MEDALS (till 12.15 AM)

1	China	37(G)	27(S)	24(B)
2	USA	35	41	41
3	Australia	18	18	14
4	Japan	16	12	13
5	France	15	22	22
70	India	0	1	5

INTERNATIONALS EVENTS

ATHLETICS: Women's marathon

HANDBALL: Men's gold match ● Germany vs Denmark

BASKETBALL: Women's gold match ● France vs USA

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SEINE FROM PARIS

Italy's Battocletti breaks Africa's stranglehold on women's 10000m

For three straight Olympics, nobody born outside of Africa had even come close to finishing on the podium in the women's 10,000 metres. Italy's Nadia Battocletti ended that streak Friday night at the Paris Games, claiming silver in an event that had come to be dominated by Kenyans, Ethiopians and runners from those countries representing other nations. Battocletti first served notice of her potential when she swept the 5,000 and the 10,000 at a home European Championships in June. But, there were no Africans in Rome. During the 5,000 at these Games, when Battocletti finished fourth, the Africans realized how competitive she was.

2008 gold winner Bindra honoured with Olympic Order at IOC Session

Olympic gold medallist from Beijing Games, Abhinav Bindra was awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 142nd IOC Session in Paris. India's first individual Oly gold medallist was bestowed with the honour, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the Olympic Movement. "This recognition is not just a personal milestone but a testament to the spirit of perseverance and dedication that sports instill in us all," Bindra said, before adding, "I am deeply honored to be recognized by the IOC, and I dedicate this to all the athletes and sports enthusiasts who strive to uphold the Olympic ideals."

Refugee breaker disqualified for wearing "Free Afghan Women" cape

Refugee breaker Manizha Talash, or 'b-girl Talash,' was disqualified from the first-ever Olympic breaking competition on Friday, after she wore a cape that said 'Free Afghan Women" during her pre-qualifier battle against India Sardjoe ' known as 'b-girl India." The 21-year-old, originally from Afghanistan and representing the Olympic Refugee, team lost in the pre-qualifiers, and would not have advanced. World DanceSport Federation issued a statement afterwards that said she "was disqualified for displaying a political slogan on her attire during the Pre-Qualifier battle."

HEPTATHLON

Thiam thinking of pain, not history after three-peat

WILL GRAVES

SORRY, but history wasn't the first thing that crossed Nafissatou Thiam's mind after her third Olympic gold in the women's heptathlon.

The sport that challenges her to compete across seven track-and-field disciplines over 30 or so hours doesn't allow much time for perspective. Not in the moment anyway. When Thiam hit the finish line in the 800 — the final event — at the Paris Olympics on Friday night in a personal best time of 2 minutes, 10.62 seconds to become only the second woman ever to win three straight golds in the same track and field event at the Games, there was the familiar mix of exhaustion and elation as she fell to the purple track at Stade de France. "I thought all this pain, hard work, sacrifice, all those moments where I felt lonely, all that pain, all that hard work, all of that paid off," the 29-year-old Belgian said. "I'm really grateful for that."

Thiam finished with a total of 6,880 points, just ahead of silver medalist Katrina Johnson-Thompson of Britain's 6,844. Thiam shared the podium with fellow Belgian Noor Vidts, who claimed bronze at 6,707. The 36-point margin is the second-closest of Thiam's three Olympic victories. It also put her in select company, joining Anita Wlodarczyk of Poland as the only women to finish atop the podium in the same track and field event thrice. Wlodarczyk won the hammer throw in 2012, 2016 and 2020. The hammer throw, however, is a single act done over and over again. The heptathlon is not that. Thiam and the rest of the field do everything from the high jump to the javelin to the shotput to the 200 metres. Oh and the long jump, the 100-metre hurdles and the 800 too. Mastering so many disparate events in hopes of becoming the best female athlete on the planet can often be a solitary pursuit. It felt like it at times for Thiam. While she dedicated the victory to herself, she's well aware she hardly got here alone.

PIC: AP

"It's easy to support me today, and there were a lot of days where I needed the support when it was actually hard," she said. "To the people who were there in those moments, had the kind words, just a hug in that moment... I thank them."

For now. Thiam isn't ready to talk about the future. "It's always about the future, more, and more and more," she said. "It's been the best years working for this moment. What I want is to enjoy it, and nobody can take that from me. I won't let anybody ruin this." *AP*

Bangladesh to arrive in Pakistan early

The Bangladesh senior cricket team will arrive in Pakistan on August 13 after the political unrest at home disrupted the preparations for the two-match Test series. Bangladesh will face Pakistan in two Test matches which are part of the ICC World Test Championship. The first Test will be played at Rawalpindi from August 21 and 25 while the second match will take place between August 30 and September 3 at Karachi.

PIC: AP

Khelif stands tall in the ring

PARIS: Algerian boxer Imane Khelif has won a gold medal Friday at the Paris Olympics, emerging a champion from a tumultuous run at the Games where she endured intense scrutiny in the ring and online abuse from around the world over misconceptions about her womanhood.

Khelif beat Yang Liu of China 5:0 in the final of the women's welterweight division, wrapping up the best series of fights of her boxing career with a victory at Roland Garros, where crowds chanted her name, waved Algerian flags and roared every time she landed a punch. After her unanimous win, Khelif jumped into her coaches' arms, one of them putting her on his shoulders and carrying her in a victory lap as she pumped her fists and grabbed an Algerian flag from the crowd.

"For eight years, this has been my dream, and I'm now the Olympic champion and gold medalist," Khelif said through an interpreter. Asked about the scrutiny, she told reporters: "That also gives my success a special taste because of those attacks."

"We are in the Olympics to perform as athletes, and I hope that we will not see any similar attacks in future Olympics," she said.

Fans have embraced Khelif in Paris even as she faced an extraordinary amount of scrutiny from world leaders, major celebrities and others who have questioned her eligibility or falsely claimed she was a man. It has thrust her into a larger divide over changing attitudes toward gender identity and regulations in sports. *AP*

ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

PARIS 2024

WITH just one day remaining for the curtains to come down on the Olympics, now is the opportunity to rewind and pay tribute to some of the best performances of the Games. From Alex Yee who stole the Triathlon gold to Leon Marchand showing why he was hailed as the next Michael Phelps to Rebeca Andrade and Simon Biles in artistic gymnastics and Arshad Nadeem casually winning javelin gold, here's a photo feature...

Leon Marchand | Swimming

There was a race of the century in the women's 400m freestyle. Old names kept their date with destiny while new ones made a dash. But Marchand has embellished his credentials so much. He came in as one of the poster boys for the hosts and he certainly did that moniker justice. A total of five medals, including four gold across the over week-long swimming programme.

Yusef Dikec | Shooting

There's a genuine case to say that the Turkish 51-year-old has become one of the most popular athletes during the course of the Games. While his shooting itself was on point — he won a silver in the 10m mixed team event — the way he shot without the use of any external equipment (lenses, eyelids and ear protection) while managing an extremely carefree pose, went viral. A lot of athletes, including Mondo Duplantis after his world record, hit that pose.

Novak Djokovic | Tennis

Just in terms of what a gold meant, this would probably rank among all the 24 Slams Novakl Djokovic has won in his career. The Serb, coming into the Games, was aching because of an inability to win gold for his people. Not anymore. In one of his best tennis matches in over a decade, he controlled most of the crucial points against the younger and faster Carlos Alcaraz before beating him at the punch.

Arshad Nadeem | Javelin

An outlier even among outliers. Now, Arshad Nadeem storming to gold in the men's javelin wasn't a surprise, he is the reigning worlds silver-medallist. But the way he did it was a shock. His Olympic record of 92.97 demolished the field. From the time he threw that, the rest of his competitors knew within them that they were fighting for second place. That's even before you get to Nadeem's life story, a familiar story of fighting the system.

Sydney McLoughlin | 400m Hurdles

If you ever feel like putting money on an athlete breaking a world record every time they compete, Sydney is your answer. Since breaking the record for this event in 2021, she has done it five more times. Considering she thinks she can break the 50 seconds barrier, she is likely to break more records in the future. It wasn't a coincidence when World Athletics' head, Seb Coe, opined that they may consider changing the height of the hurdles for this event.

Alex Yee | Triathlon

With just a few 100 metres to go for the finish line in the triathlon, New Zealand's Hayden Wilde had a comfortable lead over Great Britain's Alex Yee. But Yee, one of the favourites coming into the event, started closing the gap before reeling Wilde in when the finish line was in sight. Rest assured, this will be in highlight reels decades down the line.

Simone Biles | Gymnastics

In 2021 at Tokyo, she withdrew. Three years later, the US gymnast was at her best as she her routines and nailed her landings to further her legacy as one of the greatest athletes of all time. Three gold and one silver from Paris doesn't even begin to do justice to what she did. Then, in an act of true Olympic spirit, she bowed down to Rebeca Andrade after finishing second to the Brazilian in the floor (compatriot Jordan Chiles had suggested the idea).

Lisa Carrinton | Kayak

Back home in New Zealand, they call her GOAT in the boat. Not without reason. In Paris, she has once again showed her prowess with three golds in as many events. Overall, she now has eight gold over three Games and one bronze she won in Brazil. For a small nation, they continue to punch above their weight, with Carrington at the heart of it. She's their most successful Olympian.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL VENUE

Whenever a city welcomes the Games, one of the talking points is the infrastructure. They invariably become white elephants. Paris, however, has managed to buck that trend. They have managed to celebrate the existing architecture. In that way, they have made these Games a celebration of the city. Fencing at the Grand Palais, archery at Les Invalides overlooking the Grand Palais and beach volleyball just in front of Eiffel Tower.

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Cindy Ngamba | Boxing

The mat saw some of the most divisive moments of the Games thanks to the ill-informed gender row in the first week. Lin Yu-ting and Imane Khelif won medals, making their countries proud but what was even more poignant was Cindy Ngamba's bronze, a first ever for the Refugee Olympic Team. Her story is one of utmost bravery amid hardship, a story of survival before winning in front of the world stage.

Celine Dion | Opening Ceremony

There were multiple opinions about the opening ceremony on the river Seine. However, Canadian singer Celine Dion's performance of Edith Piaf's "Hymne à l'amour" ("Hymn to Love") from the Eiffel Tower was undoubtedly the talk of the town. In her first performance since the diagnosis of Stiff Person Syndrome (SPS), a neurological condition that causes muscles to spasm, the 56-year-old made a triumphant return in front of the world the way only she could have.

Honourable mentions: Noah Lyles (100m), Teddy Riner (judo), Miljain Lopez (wrestling), South Korea (archery), Torri Huske and Pan Zhanle (swimming), An Se Young (badminton), Nafi Thiam (heptathlon).

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Sampath Shetty, S/o. Sri. Shankar Shetty,** Aged about 32 years, R/at No.1-148, Kammana Gadde Brahma Giri, Nada, Kundapura, Udupi-576230 is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. A. Venkatesan @venkatesan Angusamy, S/o. Sri. P. Angusamy,** Aged about 47 years, R/at Flat No.F5, Crescent Opulent Apartments, 13th Main, 12th Cross, N.S.Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560076. Any interested person/s having any manner of right or title or interest or claim or objection or however otherwise, may file his / her/ their objections or claims in writing to the below mentioned address with relevant documents in support of his / her /their claim or objection within **15 days** from the date of this public notice, failing which my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property treating that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment No.D-6, in the 3rd Floor, B-Katha No.1697/29/2/28/1-A-D-6, Sl No.1471, having Super Built Up Area of 1111 Square Feet, with One Covered Car Parking Space bearing No.30 and an Undivided Share of 325 Square Feet of land in the Apartment known as "GUNINA EILA", constructed over the property bearing converted land in Sy.No. 29/2 and 28/1-A, measuring 12 Guntas, bearing BBMP Katha No.1697/29/2, 28/1-A, situated at Kalenaagrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bengaluru and bounded on: **East by:** ND Giffel Apartment. **West by:** Mud Road. **North by:** Road. **South by:** Road.

LOKESHA.G. Advocate,
No.235, 8th Main, Byrasandra, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 011. Mob: 9845307906.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that, our client intends to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner Sri Gurukiran R Shetty, Son of Sri A. Rathnakara Shetty. If any person/s or any entity/authority having any right, title and interest or objections over the Schedule Property may lodge their claims/objections in writing supported by relevant documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication. In case of non receipt of objections or claims within the aforesaid period my client shall presume that there are no claims/ objections for purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.104, Halanayakanahalli Grama Panchayath Katha No.1407.58/1.104, Property No.150200402300121781, carved out of converted land bearing Survey No.58/1, measuring East to West 12.19 Meters and North to South 9.14 Meters, totally measuring 111.41 Square Meters, situated at Halanayakanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on the;

East by : Site bearing No.121
West by : Road;
North by : Site bearing No103; and
South by : Site bearing No.105;

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CCH-58 HG:21.09.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE COURT (CCH-58) AT BANGALORE MAYOHALL
O.S.No. 26383/2021

Plaintiff	V/s.	Defendants
Smt. Uzma Irfan W/o. Mr. Zaid Sadiq Aged about 41 years R/o. No.1/29, Hanumanthappa Layout, Ulsoor, Bangalore -560008 Through her Power of attorney holder Mr. Arjun Balasubramanyam.		Sri. Naveed Pasha @ Pasha AJ Naveed Pasha and others

NOTICE /PAPER PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANTS 1 TO 4 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20(1A)

TO:

D-1 Sri. Naveed Pasha @ Pasha AJ Naveed Pasha
S/o. Ejaj Pasha, Aged about 41 years
Residing at: No.34/A, 7th Main, 2nd Cross, Kengeri Upanagar, Bengaluru

D-2 Smt. Rukiya BV
W/o. Nazeer, Aged about 31 years, C/o. Nandakumar,
Residing at :B Street, Near Reddy Cherry Play Home, M.E.J Layout, B- Narayanapura, Bengaluru

D-3 Smt. Shahida Begum
W/o. Ganesh, Aged about 41 years, C/o. Nandakumar
Residing at :B Street, Near Reddy Cherry Play Home, M.E.J Layout, B- Narayanapura, Bengaluru

D-4 Sri. Nazeer
S/o. Ameerjan, Aged about 49 Years C/o. Nandakumar
Residing at :B Street, Near Reddy Cherry Play Home, M.E.J Layout, B- Narayanapura, Bengaluru

Whereas the above named plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of damage of Rs.5,20,82,851.84 (Rupees Five Crore Twenty Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty One and Eighty Four Paisa Only) with interest @18% from the date of the suit till realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this 57th Addl.City Civil and Session Judge Court (CCH-58) on 21st Sep 2024 at 11 am in person or through advocate / pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Guven under my hand & seal of the court this 7th August 2024

Name: Mahesh & Co
Adorates
Address: No.103 & 104
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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Mahalinga K M, 2) Mr. Mallegowda, 3) Mrs. Kamalamma	Loan Account No. 45359630001767 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel for Property Khaneshumari No.197/170, measuring East to West 11.5823 Meter and North to South 15.2399 Meters, Situated at Kallegowdanadoddi Village, Mullahalli Grama Panchayath, Uyyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Kempamma, **West by:** Site belongs to Nanjegowda, **North by:** Own Property & **South by:** Government Road.	Date of NPA: 01-08-2024 Demand Notice Date: 06-08-2024	Rs.4,63,541.62 (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty One And Sixty Two Paisa Only) due as on 04-08-2024
2	1) Mr. Narasimha N, 2) Mrs. Vasantha Lakshmi	Loan Account No. 31839630000330 Loan Amount: Rs.49,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the property Site bearing present Assessment No.111, Old No.112, Present Khatha No.251, Old Khatha No.75, measuring East to West 30 Ft and North to South 72 Ft total measuring 2,160 Sq.ft or 200.66 Sq.meter, situated at Gangondanahalli Dasanapura Hobali, Bengaluru North Taluk and **Bounded on: East by:** Remaining Portion of the property, **West by:** Property belongs to Niranjan, **North by:** Government Road & **South by:** Remaining Portion of the Property.	Date of NPA: 01-08-2024 Demand Notice Date: 06-08-2024	Rs.49,19,988.44 Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight and Forty Four Paisa Only) due as on 04-08-2024
3	1) Mrs. Gulzar M, 2) Mr. Mohammed Vazeer M	Loan Account No. 31839630000142 Loan Amount: Rs.8,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential Site bearing No.320, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Vijaya College Slum of Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore, presently comes under purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.56, New Ward No.180, PID No.56-83-320, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 25'-0" Feet and North to South: 20'-0" Feet, together with four square of A.C roofed residential House constructed thereon, with redoxide flooring, with all civic amenities like water, electricity and sanitary connections and **Bounded on the: East by:** Site No.319, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.321 & **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 01-08-2024 Demand Notice Date: 07-08-2024	Rs.8,34,647.00 (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 04-08-2024
4	1) Mr. Harish P, 2) Mr. Papanna, 3) Mrs. Divya A	Loan Account No. 46659630001051 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing form 09 and 11A Assessment No.151, E-Katha No.150300200200620036, situated at Gollahalli Village comes within the purview of Bijjawara. Grama Panchayath, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Measuring East-West 11.06424 Mtrs, North-South 9.05256 Mtrs, totally measuring 100.16 Sq.mtrs and **Bounded on: East by:** Property of Muniraju, **West by:** Property of Poojamma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Own Property.	Date of NPA: 01-08-2024 Demand Notice Date: 06-08-2024	Rs.4,83,687.24 (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Seven and Twenty Four Paisa Only) due as on 04-08-2024
5	1) Mrs. Anjum Ara, 2) Mrs. Ameena Taranum, 3) Mr. Salman Pasha	Loan Account No. 32909410000306 32909630000457 Loan Amount Rs.5,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing vacant Site No.33, in Sy.No.12, situated at Avalahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 20 (Twenty) Feet, North to South: 30 (Thirty) Feet and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property No.45, **North by:** Property No.32 & **South by:** Property No.34.	Date of NPA: 01-08-2024 Demand Notice Date: 06-08-2024	Rs.9,98,322.00 (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Two Only) due as on 04-08-2024
6	1) Mr. Srinivas M, Prop. M/s. Thibbadevi Store, Also at: M/s. Thibbadevi Store, 2) Mrs. Yashodhamma S	Loan Account No. 33639610000390 31839960004920 31839960003992 Loan Amount: Rs.20,00,000/- Rs.17,492/- Rs.34,985/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential Property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.1 Khatha No.42, BBMP Serial No.1800, Situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Property coming under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and measuring East to West 13 Feet and North to South 47 Feet, and in all measuring 611 Sq.feet, and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Property belongs to Mr. Munimuttaiah, **West by:** Remaining Western Portion of same site, **North by:** Property belongs to Sri. V. Muniswamy, **South by:** Road. Along with 3 Squares R.C.C and 3 Squares A.C Sheet Roofed House constructed there on Mosaic flooring with cement and Bricks Wall, Doors and windows made of jungle wood with all civic amenities like Water, Sanitary and electricity facilities.	Date of NPA: 28-09-2023 & 02-07-2024 Demand Notice Date: 09-08-2024	Rs.19,05,943.00 (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three Only) due as on 07-08-2024
7	1) Mr. Shivashankar M, Prop. M/s. Sri Mahalakshmi Silks, Also at: M/s. Sri Mahalakshmi Silks, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi Devi M	Loan Account No. 34019670000079 34019440000092 Loan Amount: Rs.1,97,946/- Rs.15,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.44, Khatha No.1213/1914/44, Situated 1st Division, Chowdeshwari Layout, Yelahanka Town, Bangalore North Taluk and **Bounded the: East by:** Property No.43, **West by:** Property No.45, **North by:** 25 feet Road, **South by:** Property No.52 and 53. Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq.feet.	Date of NPA: 01-08-2024 Demand Notice Date: 09-08-2024	Rs.14,33,733.49 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three and Forty Nine Paisa Only) due as on 07-08-2024

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 11.08.2024, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural — Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited